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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

REGISTER NAPIER PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO DR. C. V. ROMAN

BANQUET IN HONOR OF PROF. COOK

Miss Clarice Jones' Brilliant Graduation Recital at Cornell—Bahaism has a Hearing from the High Priest of the New Faith—No Color Line in Religion

By R. W. Thompson.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—President Taft is receiving countless letters from colored people all over the country, expressing gratitude because of his unequivocal denunciation of the lynching evil on the occasion of the mass meeting at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church in promotion of the gymnasium fund for Howard University. The time was propitious for such a pronouncement, and the appreciation voiced by the immense audience indicated that the clean-cut sentiment that "lynching is simply murder," to be punished like any other mudrer, struck a responsive chord. The analysis of the rights of the people under a true republican form of government, with a description of the habeas corpus, trial by jury and the several instrumentalities provided by the Constitution for the establishment of justice, was recognized and applauded as the erasoning of a lawyer ably versed in the lore of the profession. The commendation of the way the law is administered in England was significant. There the guilt of an individual must be established by the evidence, not by mawkish sentiment, and offenders are dealt with promptly and by due process of law. Interference with the majesty of the law is not tolerated, and there is no lynching. The same respect for the courts and the infallibility of legal procedure is one of the things that will cause an improvement in the disgraceful conditions existing in this country.

In suggestnig a practical remedy for the mania for mob violence the chief executive of the Nation said:

"And the only way by which it can be suppressed is that some time we will have men as sheriffs, men as governors, and as prosecutors and as jurors who will see to it that the men engaged in pulling the rope under those conditions shall themselves swing by the rope."

Now that the President of the United States has so emphatically set the seal of his disapproval upon this species of crime, lynchers should hearken to his voice and see to it that the foul blot upon our American escutcheon, if not wiped away, will at least have no additions to the red record already made. The President has spoken in good faith along the lines so earnestly advocated by the best men and women of the Negro race. Fair-minded people will not hesitate to give him ample credit for the brave stand he has taken for justice toward every class of Americans in the administration of the law and for the suppression of the mob spirit, that has so long been a menace to our well-being in more than one section of the land.

Register Napier Lauds Scholarship of Dr. Roman.

Hon. J. C. Napier, Register of the United States Treasury, is on experienced man of affairs. He knaws how to estimate the worth of individuals with whom he is brought into contact, and rarely errs in forming his opinion of them. He is not only generous, but is just—never descending to empty flattery to bolster up any cause in which he does not sincerely believe. Mr. Napier is deeply interested at this time in the election of Dr. C. V. Roman as eritor of the A. M. E. Church Review. He thinks his fellow-townsman is the best equipped man in the country for the place—and he does not hestitate to say so. The papers everywhere have teemed with news articles and editorial comments laudatory of the varied accomplishments of Dr. Roman, and it may be truthfully said that the talented Nashville scholar, writer, linguist, physician and publicist "needs no introduction to any audience." Neverless, since there is no endorsement so potent nor reliable as one of the "home-made" variety, your correspondent is taking the liberty to quote Mr. Napier's estimate of Dr. Roman, drawn from an intimate acquaintance covering practically thirty years. Said Mr. Napier, in part:

"I have known Dr. Roman for fully thirty years. I have seen him in every mood and have had an opportunity to study him from every angle. As a student, he was unusually apt; as a teacher he was thorough; as an aspirant for a medical diploma, he allowed no useful fact to escape him; as a practioner, he is conscientious, painstaking and successful; as a lecturer on medical science he is clean-cut and instructive; as an orator he is eloquent, magnetic and convincing; as a writer he is scolarly, without being heavy, comprehencive, clear and logical, without being tedious; as an editor he exercises rare taste in the selection of his matter and offers encouragement to the promising, while giving due prominence to the powerful exponent of current thought; in personality, he is pleasing, affable and companionable, and is one of those men whose stature does not diminish by closeness of range.

"Dr. Roman makes an excellent impression wherever he goes—and he has been everywhere. At home he welcomes the city's guests; abroad he responds to addresses of welcome. Whether he tolks to a religious conference, a business league, a medical convention, a woman's association, a political organization, an editorial powwow, an ethnological commission or an after-dinner assemblage, he is equally felicitious—always the master of the situation. His address at the Toronto Eucumenical Conference was a gem, and attracted the attention of two continents. As an editor of the Journal of the National Medical Association, he is presenting a magazine that ranks with the best in the land. Already he has done brilliant work on the A. M. E. Church Review, and should now be given full charge of that important mouthpiece of the Mehorist faith. At Kansas City next month Dr. Roman should by all means be commissioned as eritor of the A. M. E. Church Review. He is far and away the ablest and most available man mentioned in connection with this high honor and post of untold responsibility."

Miss Jones Scores in Graduation Recital.

At the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, in conjunction with proud Cornell University, Miss Clarice Jones, of this city, has again scored a positive triumph. Prior to graduation each pupil is required to give a special recital in the great music hall a tIthaca, and last week it was Miss Jones' turn to assume the exacting role of "bright and particular atar," to exhibit her powers and accomplishments as a pianist. Right royally did she sustain herself, as was amply proven by the alvos of applause that greeted her at the rands of the faculty, fellow-students and the citizens at large, as well as by the praise-laden notices in the public press.

Despite the significance of the occasion, Miss Jones was not at all nervous. Her deft fingers touched the responsive instrument, obedient to her will, and it was the judgment of her instrustors that she could not possibly have appeared to better advantage, nor given a greater degree of satisfaction to her friends and admirers. At the close of her last number, Miss Jones' music-master, Prof. Hilliard, enthusiastically placed his arm about her and literally lifted her down the steps from the platform. She was the recipient of the heartiest congratulations of the happy host that completely filled the immense auditorium, packing the surrounding corridors and jamming evehy inch of availabl space. Many were unable to gain admission. The recital is a ccounted the best ever given at this splendid institution, and the fact isall the more noteworthy because Miss Jones is the only representative of the colored race enrolled there this season. She has won laurels, not only for herself, but for all her people throughout the land.

Miss Jones was assisted by the Conservatory Orchestra, which played superbly, and by Miss Alice McPherson, violinist, and Miss Sarah Maybury, accompanist with the orchestra. Miss Jones' numbers ran the gamut of classic music, fully testing her ability to comprehend and intrpret the materpieces of the world's most noted composers. Her repertoire embraced: "Scherzo and Rondo from Sonata A major (Beethoven): Variations E-flat major (Mendelssohm); Nocturne C minor (Chopin); Rhapsodie No. 12 (Liszt); Barcarolle (Godard); Caprice Espanol (Maszkowski); together with a Gavotte for two pianos (Raff), Miss Maybury assisting.

Miss Jones' costume was beautiful, a creation of satin and laces a la mode. Among her floral tributes, the most elaborate seen at the Conservatory, was a stately basket of hed and white carnations (four dozen), decorated with an immense red ribbon. This was a gift from her father, Counsellor Thomas L. Jones, one of the leading members of the bar of the District of Columbia. Miss MacPherson's mother gave a beautiful boquet. The carriage of the young debutante was a bank of flowers as she sped homeward. Miss Jones will receive her diploma in June, and it is more than likely that she will yield to the entreaties of friends and establish here a Conservatory of Music along the lofty lines laid down by Cornell.

Banquet in Honor of Prof. G. W. Cook.

Owing to an unforseen conflict on dates and in response to numerous requests of those wishing to participate, including the guest of honor, the testimonial to Prof. George William Cook, set for the 19th, has been postponed until Friday evening, May 3d, at Miner Haall, campus of Howard University. Prof. Cook for many years has been secretary of Howard University, and is also the dean of the Commercial department of the institution. He is one of the most useful members of the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia. The present testimonial is in honor of his valuable services to humanity through these potent agencies of uplift. The subscribers will probably number over 200. The committee in charge of the function is made up of Willis A. Madden, chairman; Andrew F. Hilyer, secretary; G. M. Lightfoot, treasurer; S. J. Davidson, financial secretary; Dr. J. H. N. Waring, Robert A. Pelham andC. F. M. Browne.

New Business Man in Town.

T. L. Curtis, one of Chicago's most enterprising citizens has located here and opened at 2110, 14th street, in the heart of the colored business section of the capital, the Chicago Sanitary Cleaning Shop. He has already attached to himself a large following by virtue of the superior equipment he has put in and by the up-to-date methods he employs in doing his work. He has installed the most modern machinery, and is showing that he can turn out satisfactory work in one-fourth the time required by the old system of tailor's iron. Mr. Curtis is a brother of Dr. A. M. Curtis, the noted surgeon and lecturer on medical topics.

Bahaist Leader Arrives.

Abdul Baha Abbas, the leader of the Bahai movement for world-wide religious unity, is in the city, and will spend some time here. Through the activity of Mrs. Christian D. Helmick (formerly Mrs. A. C. Barney), quite a colony of colored Bahaists has been developed in Washington, and these diciples gave their patron saint an especially warm reception. A large public meeting was held at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, at which the venerable Abbas, Effendi, delivered an address to the masses. The principal advocate of the Bahai faith in this city is Mr. Louis G. Gregory, a brilliant young lawyer, whose interest in the work was so absorbing that he made a comprehensive tour of Egypt and the Holy Lands, of the East to secure authentic information, at first hand, touching the philosophy and history of this remarkable cult. The Bahai belief is that pniversal peace is possible only through the harmony of all religions, and that all religions are basically one. Abbas is the third of the leaders of Bahaism, which embraces about one-third of the Persians, with whom it is said to have originated. He has been repeatedly imprisoned by the Moslems, who regard his liberal tendencies with the greatest distrust. The new religion is finding considerable favor among our people, largely for the reason that its white devotees, even in this prejudiced community, refuse to draw the color-line. The informal meetings, held in the parlors of the most cultured society leaders, with mansions in Connecticut and Massachusetts aevnues, and excluive Sheridan Circle, have been thrown open to Negroes willingly to give the faith a hearing, and all have mingled on terms of absolute equality.

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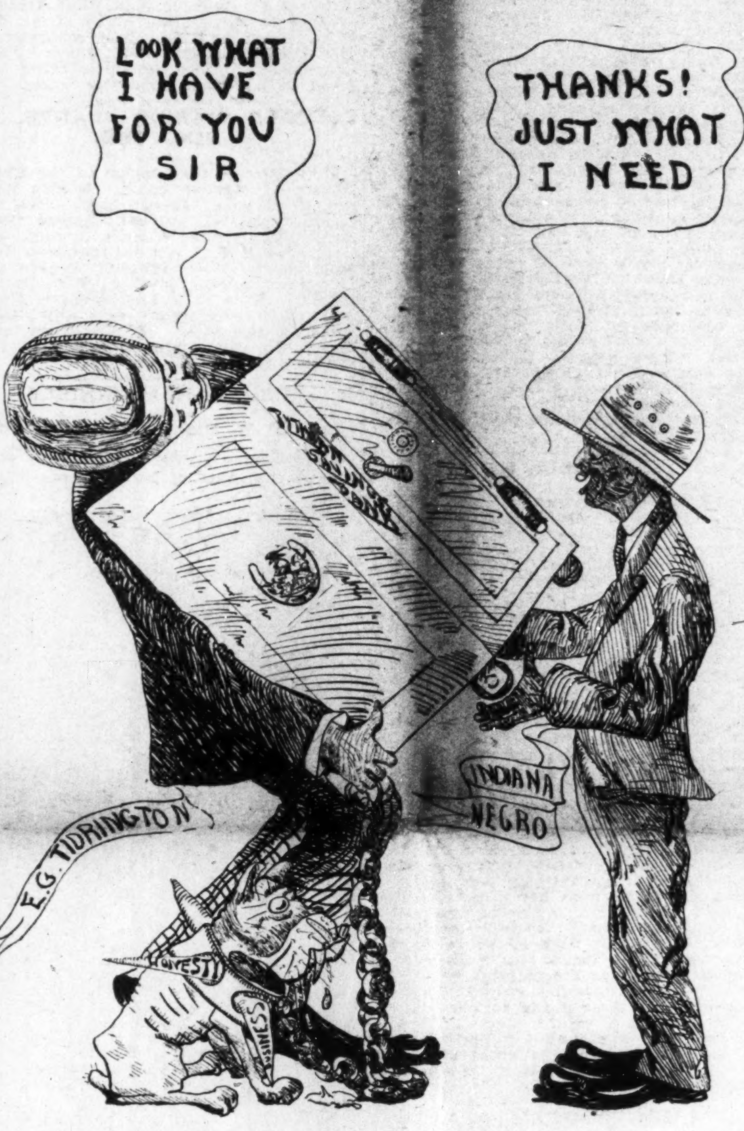
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ATLANTA, GA.

Special to the FREEMAN:

Misses Daisy Barnett and Willie Davis entertained on Sunday evening, April 21. A number of the Baptist College students was present, and all reported an enjoyable time....We are sorry to learn of the continued illness of Mr. William Chambles...."Saul, King of Israel," a dramatic cantata presented by the students of Morris Brown College on Friday evening, was a rare treat. Morris Brown is to be commended on such good work.... The concert given at the Baptist College on Friday evening, April 19, for the benefit of the Neighborhood Union was a great success....We are expecting a new Y. M. C. A. building soon, and subscribers are urged to pay their subscriptions at once....Prof. W. J. Trent, our Y M C A. secretary, delivered an interesting address at the Friendship Baptist Church Sunday evening, April 21. His subject dwelt mainly on the duty of the people to the Y. M. C. A., and what the association means to the young men of the city. ....Dr. L. B. Palmer delivered an address on Sunday evening, April 21, on "A Cleaner City and Better Sanitary Conditions Among Colored People." His address followed that of Professor Trent. ....On Monday, April 15, a meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce to perfect plans for a cleaner city. Among the different committees appointed were a number of prominent colored men. Talks by Drs. E. R. Carter, H.. H. Proctor, Rush and Bowen were highly appreciated....You will miss something, if you don't read the Freeman, on sale at Griffin's barber shop, 42 Madison avenue.... There will be a grand concert at the Baptist College on April 29 for the benefit of the Neighborhood Union....Clark University held its graduating exercises on Thursday evening, April 25....Miss Ludie Andrews, the head nurse at the Atlanta School of Medicine, is like the painter who never was satisfied with his work, saying nothing of its superiority. Besides owning considerable property in her home town, she has bought in Tatnall street....Misses Lizzie Wynn, Nellie Askew and Nellie Watts entertained at Watts Hall on Friday evening, April 19, in honor of Miss Pearl Casneau, of Boston. All enjoyed a delightful time.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. L. Willson has departed for home at Cairo, Ill., accompanied by Miss Opal Leak....Mr. L. Short has come home from St. Louis, Mo., where he has been during the winter. He is now employed at the coal mine here....Ex-President Roosevelt passed through Centralia, Sunday, at 11 a. m., on a special car. The whole city turned out to see the next President at the station. They expected the train would stop so he could give them a short speech, but were disappointed. The car passed slowly and hands were shaken in the air....Mrs. Hogan, of Bloomington, Ill., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ricks. ....Mr. Robert Williams, Sr., is decorating his house with a new coat of paint. ....There is a Fish Club organized here. They expect to furnish the people of Centralia with fiish this summer. They made their first trip Saturday and Sunday. They left the fish where they were and came home thirsty....A girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ewing....Mr. Wm. Dye has bought a horse. Mr. Dye says he will let the horse do some of his walking....The people here are beginning to garden some.... Mr. C. Mosley has put a new phone in his restaurant....Mr. S. Taylor was a delegate to the Republican State convention at Springfield, Ill.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

J. H. Bobson, of Lincoln avenue, is laid up with rheumatism....Mrs. M. E. Hardy has moved her hair dressing parlors to 613 West Federal street....Mrs. William Milton is on the sick list.... Rev. L. M. Upperman, of Newcastle, Pa., will give a lecture Monday evening, April 29, in the Town Hall, under the direction of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Rev. L. J. Pollard, pastor....The Mahoning Avenue Baptist Church will give a bazaar May 21, 22, 23....Miss Rhodie Holmes, who has been on the sick list, is better....The Buckeye Lodge of I. B. P. O. E. of W. met in regular session Thursday evening, and reinstated two members and initiated five into the order. The lodge is doing nicely and is on the increase....Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson, of Meadville, Pa., were the guests of Mr. Archie Thomas Thursday and Friday.... Logan Lodge, K. of P., No. 4, will meet Wednesday evening. All members are requested to be present....A reception and ball will be given by our ball team Monday evening, April 29, in Connell Hall. ....Mrs. Baker, of Ashtabula, was the guest of Mrs. Robert Keer, on Foster street.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Mrs. Samuel Woods Dead—Champaign Woman Victim of Tuberculosis.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Ella, wife of Samuel Woods, cook at the Sigma Mu Fraternity house, died at the Woods home, 501 East Washington street, at 11:25 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 19, from tuberculosis. Before her marriage she was prominent as a chautauqua and church singer. Mrs. Woods (nee Lease) was born at Louisville, Ky., thirty years ago. She was married to Samuel Woods in Chicago in 1902. No children survive. Besides the husband, the only near relative is a sister who has not been heard from for two or more years, but is thought to be living in Kentucky. The funeral was held from the home Thursday afternoon, April 20, and interment was at Rose Lawn cemetery....The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Campaign street, Champaign, Ill., by Z. L. Breedlove. Your patronage is solicited....Rev. A. Jackson, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Church at Danville, has been named by Governor Deneen as one of the Illinois delegates to the National Negro Convention, to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., June 17 to 21.... There was a party given in honor of Miss Ola Jackson at the home of Mrs. Brewer Monday night, April 22. Games were played and refreshments served. A splendid time was enjoyed....There was a party given by Miss Alice Lee and Miss Mildred Brown at their home, 403 East White street, in honor of Miss Celia Jackson, of Chicago. Dancing, games and refreshments constituted a very delightful evening's entertainment....Misses Alice Lee, Sarah Wilson, Mildred Brown, Allie Moore entertained Miss Celia Jackson at a 5 o'clock luncheon Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Mildred Brown and Miss Alice Lee....Misses Alice Lee, Inez Moss, Mildred Brown were entertained at dinner Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Brewer, 1202 West Main street, Urbana, Ill. They enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon....Miss Inez Moss and Mrs. C. E. Good entertained Mr. Milton Stevenson last week. He was on his way to Cairo to resume his position as teacher in the high schools, after being forced to leave that city on account of the high waters a few weeks past....Miss Ruth Woodruff and Mr. B. J. Woodruff spent Saturday and Sunday in Springfield, Ill., visiting Mrs. Brewerington....Mrs. Giles, 307 E. Tremont street, is ill....A boxing match was staged last week between Dolonson and E. A. Brown at G. A. Taylor's athletic club rooms. Five rounds were fought with no decision....Mr. Albert R. Lee, district superintendent of the A. M. E. Church Sunday School, spoke in Decatur Sunday at the A. M. E. Sunday School. ....Mrs. Pearl Caldwell spent several days in Bloomington last week....Miss Celia Jackson left for Chicago Tuesday, April 26, after enjoying the hospitality shown her by the Champaign people.... Mrs. Nettie King, who was operated on at Burnham's Hospital, is on the road to recovery....Mr. Charles Smith, of Broadlands, Ill., was elected a delegate at the Nineteenth congressional district convention that was held here Tuesday, April 18, in the Elks' Auditorium. He will go to the national Republican convention from Broadlands, Ill....A few of the girls of Champaign met at Miss Alice Lee's home, 403 East White street, April 19, and organized a social club called the N. I. P. Club. The following officers were elected: President, Jessie Jordan; vice-president, Alice Lee; secretary, Mildred Brown; treasurer, Sarah Filson; press reporter, Willa May Jones....The Champaign Model Baseball Club organized Tuesday night. Thomas Jackson is the manager, and Harold Gray captain. The boys expect to have a good team this year, and are out practicing. The Modeis wish to solicit games from teams with players from the ages of 14 to 18 years. The boys who will play with the Models this season are as follows: Ray Hines and Brooks, catchers; Jackson, Taylor and Newson, pitchers; Harold Gray, first base; Maize, second base; Brent Newson, third base; John Brown, shortstop; Lenin, R. Breedlove, Johnson, Wells and Jones, fielders. Any team wishing a game or desiring information, write to Thomas Jackson, manager, 507 East Vine street, or Harold Gray, captain, 605 North Poplar street, Champaign, Ill....Miss Artie Beam, of Paris, Tenn., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Breedlove, 109 North Champaign street.... Rev. E. R. Johnson, of Pontiac, spoke at both morning and evening services at the Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday. He is assisting Rev. Jones in a revival.

SANFORD, FLA.

Church and General News of the Celery City.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The sun still shines bright in the land of flowers. We had a little rain and a small storm last week, which blowed off the top of the new K. of P. temple being erected on Sanford avenue....Mr. A. L. Price, president of the Afro-American Insurance Company, was in the city last week and gave a very interesting lecture at St. Paul's Baptist Church in the evening. The following program was rendered: Invocation, Rev. C. Brewer; a prayer by Rev. T. J. Williams; instrumental solo, Miss Bertha Byrd; vocal solo, Miss Geneva Steward. After Mr. Price's short lecture the following men spoke of the good that the agents were doing in behalf of the company: Rev. C. Brewer, Rev. C. J. Smith, Rev. T. J. Williams and Hon. W. C. Steward and Rev. Gilbert. Much credit is due to the efforts of the agents of this company, among whom we might mention Mrs. Julia Steward, Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Sallie Jackson....Everybody is glad to learn that Mrs. Susie Graham, after a few weeks' illness, has improved greatly.... Hopper Academy will close next week, after seven months' hard work....Mrs. Hattie Jones is having some improvements made around her little bungalow, which will add greatly to the beauty of her home on Hickory avenue....Mrs. A. L. Ward, after a few days' illness, is able to be out again....The Gate City Band will give a masquerade ball in the Oddfellows' hall Monday night....Mr. J. Potts has just returned from west Florida, where he spent a few weeks taking a much-needed rest....Mrs. O. A. Armstrong, after spending the winter in Daytona, has returned home. She resides on Fifth street....Mrs. Lewis Jones has been on the sick list for the past week, but we are glad she is improving.... Everybody should read the Freeman, to be found at 619 Pine street.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. B. Ferris, N. Grisby, Reid Comer, B. Borders, John Crabb, C. L. Mathias and James Penn left for New York City to join the "Two Bills'" Wild West Shows last week....Rev. J. L. Griffin, known in the Southland as "Sin-Killing Griffin," was acquitted here Thursday of a charge of theft of a gospel tent.... Mr. Melroy McCune and Julius Dixon are still playing fast ball. McCune was with the Minneapolis Keystones for three years, and comes highly recommended. Dixon is from Fort Worth, and has much fame.

DENOUNCES LYNCHING!

PRESIDENT TAFT DELIVER STRONG ADDRESS ON NATIONAL EVIL

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION NUMEROUS

Annual Address Before Howard University Alumni Association Warmly Received and Loudly Applauded by the Large Audience Assembled.

Washington, April, 14.—Judging from letters of commendation pouring into Washington, and from verbal expressions of approval there is no question but what the President's address, before Howard University's Alumni Association last Tuesday night, in which he pronounced strongly against lynching, has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of colored men. No stronger speech was ever delivered by any executive against lynching than that delivered by President Taft. All present were greatly impressed with his earnestness and sincerity. He hit the south-propigated lawless crime of lynching a hard blow. He called it murder—cowardly murder, and went so far as to declare that lynchers should be hung by the ropes they used to string up their unwilling victims. The applause that greeted the President's remarks on lynching was great. There cannot now be any question in the minds of members of the race, and never ought to have been, just where President Taft stands on lynching. In his masterly cpeech he said:

"Take the matter of lynching. That, as well as the administration of our criminal law, forms a disgraceful page in our social history. I just think it is well to take a text on that subject. I know that our courts are not perfect. I know that they don't apply the law with the certainty and dispatch in criminal cases that they ought to, and I believe that part of this departure from law into lynching and disorder is due to the fact that courts are not full of dispatch in disposing of criminal cases.

"But we must not attribute it all to the courts. There is among our people a disposition to forget the sancity of the law, and to ignore the fact that no civilized country can live unless the law is respected. Now lynching is justified because it is said to only apply to one offense that is particularly heinous in the minds of all of us. That is not true. The statistics show that lynching is applied to a great many crimes.

Lawless Example Dreadful.

"The moment that the mob acquires that wolfish desire for human blood, the example is dreadful to the community in which that exhibition of lawlessness is given. There is not any crime—I don't care what it is—that justifies a departure from law in the punishment of the person who is charged with guilt.

"One of the serious questions we have to face in this country is that we have not among all our people as profound a respect for the law and the necessity for obedience to it we ought to have, and that is part of the reason why we have these exhibitions of lawlessness over the country and these cruel murders, for that is all they are.

"It is not any less a murder because 400 men take part in it than because one man does. Ordinarily, it is accompanied by a good deal more cowardice, because 400 are in it instead of one. The only way by which it can be suppressed is that some time we shall have men as sheriffs, and as governors, and as prosecutors, and as jurors who wil lsee to it that the men who are engaged in pulling the rope under those conditions shall themselves swing by the rope. We need not sit seemingly by, those of us in any particular section, and think we are better than those in any other section, because that lawlessness has shown its ugly head both north and south of the Mason and Dixon line, and it is to be condemned wherever it appears; and it is to be suppressed only by an improvement in the individual opinion of the necessity for the enforcement of law.

Value of the Courts.

"Everything—and I am bound to say I believe this thoroughly—that goes to minimize the respect for the courts, the respect for the enforcement of law, and the following of law just as it is contributes to the continuance of that abuse and to the continuance of that lawlessness which all deplore theoretically, but, which I am sorry to say, we at time express too much sympathy with. It is the courts upon which our entire civilization rests. It is through the courts that our individual liberty, our right to pursuit of happiness and our right to hold property are to be secured."

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Florence Walker, wife of Mr. Charles Walker, and sister of Henry Moxley, died very suddenly, Sunday, April 14. The funeral was held April 16, from St. Phillip's Church, of which she had been a member all her life....Sunday was rally day at St. Luke's Church. Over $600 was raised. A wonderful sermon was preached in the morning from Heb. 13:14, and also in the evening, from Jer. 20:9, by the Rev. J. C. Taylor, pastor....Miss Clara Mae Jimmerson is ill at her home....The first appearance of the Colored Boys' Band, at Miller's Hall, under the management of Mr. Harden, was a great success. Not that Mr. Harden and the boys have no more to learn. They are just in a position now to see their inefficiency, and should profit by it. But nevertheless Mr. Harden deserves the praise of the city for what he has accomplished in less than a year. All the boys have to do is to stick to their job, and the band is a sure success.

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Mr. J. G. Potter will open up a confectionery and grocery store in the Odd Fellows' Hall very soon. The stock of goods is expected in a few days....Mr. Erwin Hall, one of our most prominent and industrious citiens, who received a fall from one of the city carts and severely sprained his foot, is out again. He was forced to sue the Kentucky Central Insurance Company for his claim of four weeks due him before he could get a settlement....Mrs. Mary Jones, in her fifty-eighth year, April 10, was surprised by a number of friends, who gave for her a very pleasant party. She received many beautiful and useful presents....Rev. Green Price is conducting a series of meetings at Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. Church, which it is hoped will do much good....Rev. G. W. Harris preached at Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. Church last Sunday night. Rev. Harris has been in our midst for three years, and is well loved by all who knew him. He was assigned to Hartford, Tenn., at the last annual conference, held at Dayton, O. We feel that our loss is Hartford's gain....The Freeman can be found at the following places: A. J. Ducan's drug store and Carpenter's ice cream parlor. If you do not get one fro mthe agent in time on Saturday, get your nickel ready, for The Freeman will be here on time. J. F. Moxley, agent.

The man who advertises in The Freeman gets good results, while the man who does not is always kicking about hard times.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

There is glory enough for all.

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There are evidences that a political battle is on.

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Jealousy is the bane of Negro progress. "Cut it out!"

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Congratulations, Judge M. W. Gibbs, upon your eighty-ninth birthday!

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Do your work the best you know how; results will speak for themselves.

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The rigid enforcement of the law as it is would solve many of our problems.

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Rumors of aJck Johnson's "retirement" bring joy to the soul of the "white hopes."

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President Taft condemned a volume in a word when he said "Lynching is murder." It is nothing less, and should be punished accordingly.

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Jack Johnson is to "retire," so says another current rumor. Like most of the stories told on the champion, it smacks of the Ananias Club.

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Registrar J. C. Napier, of Tennessee, and Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, of Georgia, have shown themselves to be strong men in their respective states.

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John M. Langston was a race leader of the purest and most courageous type. His memory should be kept green in the hearts of his people, whom he served so long and so well.

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From New York comes the alarming intelligence that the visit of the "stork" is to cost more from now on. Thus is the cost of living cruelly increased for the most helpless of humanity.

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If you have not read Booker T. Washington's "My Larger Education," you are missing the treat of your life. It i the "eye-opener" of the decade—a history that is as fascinating as a novel.

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Jamaica, not content with her fame as the land of gin and ginger, has leaped into the international limelight by entertaining Secretary of State Knox; Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the queen of tragedy, and Mme. Anita Patti Brown, the eminent coloratura soprano, in a single season.

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The so-called labor leaders were not able to "down" Justice Pitney. All he did to them was to insist that the proerty of orderly business men should be protected from the destroying hand of the mob, and that men who wished to work should be permitted to earn their bread by doing so.

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The Nashville Globe gives the inference that all the National Negro Press Association did at Little Rock last year was to raise a "racket." It is to be hoped that the association this year at Chicago will redeem itself by putting the "racket-makers" out of business and doing some real constructive work for the uplift of the Negro press. The progressive journalists of the land have placed the "knockers" and strife promoters "on notice."

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Dr. J. A. Kenney, of Tuskegee Institute, is wrestling with the "hook worm" problem, and has succeeded in convincing the medical world that the colored man is not any more susceptible to its ravages than are other peoples. The hook worm disease develops through conditions, and affects all more or less alike who come within the range of those conditions. Dr. Kenney will be heard from at the next meeting of the National Medical Association in August at Tuskegee.

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The Central Regalia Company, headed by Gen. Joseph L. Jones, is one of Cincinnati's standard business enterprises. It manufactures everything on order of any kind needs to look as it should look. The colored man is gradually learning how to supply his own needs in every direction, and the thousands of dollars we have been spending year after year for our fraternities should now be kept within the race by giving such companies as the Central at Cincinnati a chance to furnish our regalia, badges and other lodge essentials.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington says it is not color alone that keeps the productions of Negro writers from finding ready acceptance at the hands of the nation's great magazines. Too many of our writers try to be "too learned" in their style, and fail to clinch their big points. Simplicity and directness are the methods that win in the office of the influential organs of public opinion. "Cut across lots to your story," is the sage advice given to a Washington literary club a few nights ago by the race's best copy producer in the world.

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In issuing "Wood's Directory," Allen T. Woods has brought to the colored business men of New Orleans a distinct boon. It will let the world know what our men are doing in a commercial way in the Pelican State metropolis, carrying inspiration in its wake, and it will more intimately acquaint the men of that city with themselves, including a local pride, that is always essential to business expansion and business co-operation. Thi is the second annual number. The series should go on, increasing each year in completeness, and other commercial centers should encourage some enterprising young man to do a similar work among them.

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The allegation is made that the Western Newspaper Union, of Baltimore, declines to serve colored papers with any patent matter other than that known as "Afro-American News"—a lot of selected miscellany stolen, for the most part, from colored papers that publish all original matter, written by painstaking colored correspondents and editors. This stuff should be boycotted. The self-respecting colored press should patronize the page furnished by the American Press Association, edited by N. B. Dodson, which carries each week bright, newsy news, to which clings no taint of larceny or discrimination. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Hampton Institute, "the garden spot of Virginia," is to entertain another splendid body of men and women of the race this year, the National Association of Colored Women, which holds its biennial session there during the week of July 22. The good people of Hampton broke all records for open-handed hospitality last August in greeting the National Medical Association; and they will, doubtless, duplicate the performance this year. Major R. R. Moton, Capt. A. D. Washington, Prof. W. T. B. Williams, Capt. G. W. Blount, W. H. Harrison and their courteous aids know how to treat the steanger within their gates so royally that "the strangeness" disappears at once.

SHELBYVILLE, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Prof. Kirby Smith, dean of the Lincoln Institute, of Berea, Ky., was in our city this week, and stopped with Mrs. Geo. Hinkle....Miss Minnie Bell Whittaker spent last Easter Sunday afternoon at Forest, Ky....Mrs. Bell Banks spent a few days last week in Eminence, Ky., on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Lee Henderson....Mrs. Clora Roberts was called to Louisville on account of her niece, Mrs. Georgia Johnson, undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the hospital....Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Hickman have gone to Versailles, Ky., where he has been appointed as pastor. We regret to see them leave, and will miss them. The members of Clay Street Baptist Church regret that Mrs. Hickman had to leave us, as well as the members of St. John's M. E. Church....We are glad to see Mrs. Sarah Hinkle, the president of the Home Missionary Society, out again, after a long illness with rheumatism....Miss Lula White is ill at her home in Scott's Station, Ky....Mrs. Betsy Ellen Clark is sick at her residence in Martinsville....The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin, leaving them a fine baby boy. Mother and son are getting along nicely....Mrs. Fannie Smock is critically ill at her home on High street....Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hall gave a debut party in honor of their daughter, Miss Florence Hall, at their residence, Grove Hill. The following were invited: Misses Evelina Ford, Jennie Carr, Ida M. Edwards, Florida Wade, Mary F. Beard, Ollie Johnson, Bessie Washington, Mamie Washington, Florence Hoffmann, Idelia Sloan, Ollie Payne, Naomia Owens, Messrs. Idea Scott, Sidney Green, J. T. Green, Charlie Becham, Alonzo Jackson, Weber Jewel, Richard Ares, George Brown, Sandford Johnson, Henry Payne, Hardin of Frankfort, Ky., Thomas Boone. A three-course menu was served and covers were laid for sixteen. A jolly time was reported....Mr. John Allen is still on the sick list....Mr. George Butler is out again, and has taken up his work as pastor of the Christianburg Church....Mrs. Bertha Brown and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Brown, are spending a few days in Jeffersonville, Ind....Mr. Robert Dowery made a visit home from the State Normal last Sunday, as guest of his grandmother and sister....The sacred concert given at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sunday, April 14, was a grand success...Miss Nettie Borne spent Easter Sunday with her mother and returned to Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday....Mr. Richard Ford spent Easter Sunday with his mother and returned to Louisville Sunday night....Mrs. Anna Butler was made mother matron of the Children's Sunshine Baptist Club of Clay Street Baptist Church....Stewardess Board No. 2 met at Mrs. Effie Shipman's Monday, April 8. Quite a delightful time was reported....The citizens of Shelbyville wish to extend their sympathy to the bereaved families of the following, which were cut off from the stage of action like a flower that is planted in the spring and cut in the fall by the chilly frost of winter: Mr. Dick Spencer, who died at his mother's residence on Center street; Mr. Thomas Anderson, who died at his residence on College street; Mrs. Sallie McGruder....Bethel Rising Star Club met at the residence of Mrs. Ras Ellis, Clay street. A delightful time was reported....Mr. Arab Walker was in our city last Sunday....Any one wishing The Freeman, call Miss Florence Hall, Grove Hill, or 'Phone 109, Home 'Phone....Mrs. Maggie Tyler is able to be out again....Mr. John Gill is improving....We have a new tailor in our town, and he is rendering us good service, in the person of Mr. Swiny....Our undertakers, Saffel & Saffel, are kept quite busy....The memberes of Bethel A. M. E. choir wish to express their many thanks to Miss Marietta P. Maderson for the splendid service she has rendered to us since she has been teaching in our city, and regret that she is going home, but we hope next term she will be appointed by our public school trustees as teacher. Whenever she wishes to come to Shelbyville the doors of Bethel A. M. E. are always open and the members will heartily welcome her....The Convert Club met at the residence of Mrs. Mary Woodfolks last Friday. A grand meeting was reported. Miss Sidonia Davis, president; Miss Hattie Murfy, secretary......Stewardess Board No. 1 met at Mrs. Fannie Riggs Monday, April 15....Miss Marietta P. Maderson attended the closing of school at Eminence, Ky.

COLUMBIA, MO.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. M. S. Bryant, presiding elder of the Columbia district, arrived Sunday morning and held his regular quarterly meeting. Rev. B. McCain, who has just been returned to the pastorate of St. Luke M. E. Church, preached in the afternoon at St. Paul A. M. E. Church....Mrs. Frank Harris, of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moseley....Minnie Henderson, the little daughter of Mr. Shannon Henderson, died Sunday in St. Joseph, Mo., and her remains were brought to Columbia, Wednesday, for burial under the auspices of Logan Juveniles....Mrs. Eliza Emory is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia....Mr. Madison Douglass went to Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, to be gone several weeks.....The Columbia Concert Band is set for a big season. Give them a trial. Melodious music and reasonable terms....Miss J. Ethel Fowler, the efficient primary teacher in Douglass School, departed for her home in Lima, O., to be with her mother, who is in poor health. Miss Fowler has taught in Douglass School eleven continuous years and has a host of warm friends, who regret her leave and wish her return next year, as the children know Miss Fowler before entering school. Miss M. E. Gatewood is teaching in the primary room in Miss Fowler's stead....Rev. J. E. Edwards is planning a great revival, to be conducted by the great evangelist, Rev. Howard....See Wm. Moseley for The Freeman.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

By T. R. Chambers.

Special to The Freeman.

Negro waiters and bellmen are losing out in Greater New York. Three hundred colored men were replaced by whhites during the year 1911. The managers say whites are more uniform in color, can speak more than one language and can be dependen upon. According to Mr. Jas. A. Parker, a well-known hotel man, the colored hotel men hold weekly conferences to improve conditions. The same agony will soon reach the Southern hotel men, if they don't cheer up now. God has sent one man to the South to put the truth to the colored hotel men, but they can't see through his works. Mr. W. H. Hall, a renowned headwaiter, is in Montgomery, Ala., talking progression, trying to elevate the colored hotel men. Mr. T. C. Smith, a well-known headwaiter, is also in Montgomery, but has little or nothing to say along these lines. If Mr. Hall could only get Mr. Smith awakened to the good of his mission, the two peerless gentlemen could do some great work for the race, and at the same time do themselves honor by leaving behind them "thumb-prints" on the history of the race problem.

LANGSTON (OKLA.) UNIVERSITY.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Charles F. Sneed gave a reading recital at the university last Friday night. Mrs. Sneed is well known in Indianapolis and other cities in Indiana and Kentucky. Prof. Sneed is at the head of the physical and natural science department of the university....The students enjoyed the ball game played by the faculty. The line-up: Catchers, J. R. Hogan, N. A. Jones; pitchers, C. S. Woodard, Gilbert H. Jones; first basemen, S. L. Sadler, President I. E. Page; second basemen, L. L. Henderson, Samuel Richards; third basemen, H. F. Mitchell, W. W. Person; shortstops, Chas. F. Sneed, J. R. Johnson; right fielders, Dr. J. R. Jordon, J. A. McMullen; center fielders, Alex. Morris, J. A. Bailey; left fielders, E. A. Ward, Wm. Collins. This was the finest treat of the year....Rev. Mr. Givens lectured to a large audience in the auditorium, Wednesday. He is an able speaker....For The Freeman see Bowles.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

Sunday services were well attended, despite the bad weather, and the divines preached able sermons, which were thoroughly appreciated. The choirs sang selections especially suitable for the occasion......Mount Paran Baptist Church, Rev. L. Drane, pastor, and the Second Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Mastin, pastor, are having a successful revival meeting....There are many sick people in this community....The Coleridge Taylor Musical Club rendered a grand musical program at the Auditorium for the benefit of the Masonic fraternity, a few evenings ago. It was a success.

ATLANTA, GA.

Special to The Freeman.

The Friendship Baptist Church held the thirtieth anniversary of the pastor, Dr. E. R. Carter, April 10-17. Drs. C. T. Walker and Stuart McArthur delivered the principal addresses....Rev. J. A. Hopkin has returned to the city, after a visit to Florida, attending the State Baptist Convention....The concert given by the students of the Atlanta Baptist College, on Monday evening, April 15, was a great success....The Atlanta Baptist College team defeated the Y. M. C. A. team Saturday, April 13. Score, 9 to 0....Mrs. Iola Lewis, who has been ill for the past six weeks, at the Atlanta Hospital, is rapidly regaining her health....Miss Pearl Cassina, of Boston, is enjoying a delightful time in the city as the guest of Mrs. W. A. Wynn....The Freeman is on sale at Griffin's barber shop, 42 Madison avenue.....The Atlanta University team defeated the Atlanta Baptist College team, Wednesday, April 17. Score, 7 to 4.....Subscriptions for The Freeman will be taken at Griffin's barber shop.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

The Sewing Circle entertainment was quite a success. There was a large attendance each night. Net receipts were $80....Mr. Taylor Bailey, eged 42, died suddenly Sunday evening, at 7:30. The body was shipped to Springfield, Ill., for burial....Mr. Edward Thompson has returned to his home, Indianapolis, for an operation....Mr. Wm. Tinsley, of Bloomington, wants to know where Mr. E. S. Smith can be located....Mrs. David Cowen entertained the Trustees Club, Monday evening, at her residence, 312 South Prairie street....Mrs. Minnie Watson and her daughter, Lorena Watson, are visiting her sister in St. Louis, Mo.....Rev. J. Bundy is on the sick list....Mr. Thos. Turner was in the city en route to Chicago. Mr. Turner has been spending the winter in Little Rock, Ark.

CLARKSVILLE (TENN.) HAPPENINGS.

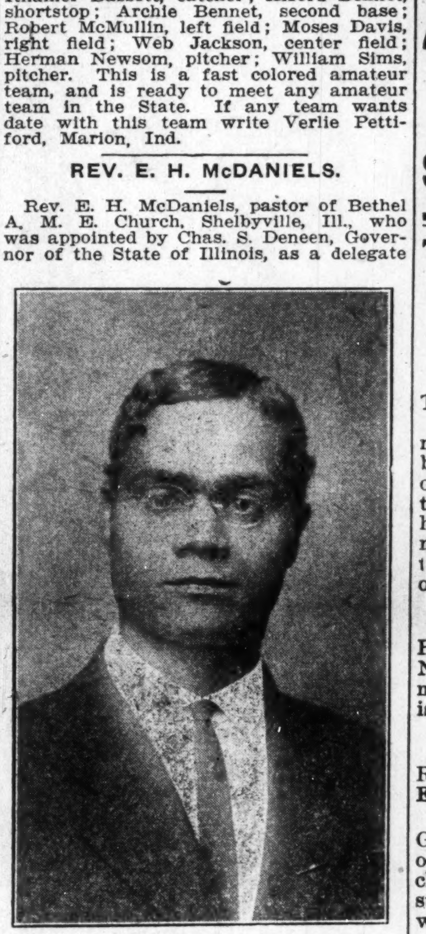
Special to The Freeman.

The Republicans of Montgomery county held their convention for the purpose of sending delegates to the state convention, which convenes in Nashville in May, for the purpose of electing four delegates to the national convention in Chicago in June. A. W. Sanders called the meeting to order and stated the object of the same, after which Mr. Henry Denwritte was elected chairman, and Mr. A. M. Lyle, secretary. The following gentlemen were elected delegates to the state conventiono: A. W. Saunders, David Coward, I. W. Walker, Wm. Kieser, Charles Barker....Mr. Boyd, of Nashville, lectured at St. John Baptist Church Sunday evening to the church clubs of St. John, Fifth Ward and Mt. Olive churches....The Allen Endeavor, of St. Peter A. M. E. Church, had quite an interesting program at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

COLORED MARION GIANTS, MARINO, IND.

Following is the line-up of the Colored Giants, of Marion, Ind.: Charley Ferguson, third base; Joseph Sims, first base; Ithamer Bassett, catcher; Alford Bennet, shortstop; Archie Bennet, second base; Robert McMullin, left field; Moses Davis, right field; Web Jackson, center field; Herman Newsom, pitcher; William Sims, pitcher. This is a fast colored amateur team, and is ready to meet any amateur team in the State. If any team wants date with this team write Verlie Pettiford, Marion, Ind.

REV. E. H. McDANIELS.



Rev. E. H. McDaniels, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Shelbyville, Ill., who was appointed by Chas. S. Deneen, Governor of the State of Illinois, as a delegate to the National Negro Educational Congress, which convenes at St. Paul, Minn., July 15 to 19, inclusive, 1912. Rev. McDaniels has accepted the appointment and will make the trip.

VERSAILLES (KY.) NOTES.

(By Miss Willie Knox.)

Special to The Freeman.

The spring opening by Mr. W. G. Bennett was quite a success. The ladies were dressed in their best costumes....Mrs. R. B. Butler is out, after a long spell of illness. Her many friends are glad to see her up again....Mrs. Manda Parker is very ill at her residence in Jacksontown.....Mrs. Mary L. Johnson left Monday for Mortonville, to appear on a program.....Mr. John Jones is improving, after a few weeks of illness....Rev. D. R. Hickmond, of Shelbyville, was appointed here as pastor of the M. E. Church....Mr. Geo. W. Martin, a progressive business man of Frankfort, Ky., spent a day in the city, the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Sharp Steele and Miss Knox....The Freeman is on sale every Saturday at Mrs. Sharp Steele's, or it will be delivered at your request. Miss Willie Knox, agent.

VALDOSTA, GA.

By Willie Frank Williams.

Easter exercises were held at nearly all of the churches in the city. About 1,200 people witnessed the exercises at St. Paul A. M. E. Church....Willie Frank Williams spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday in Quitman and Morven, visiting friends. He was highly entertained....Miss Minnie L. Shelton is on the sick list.....A crowd of picnickers were severely baptized last Wednesday....Messrs. Willie Biggers and Giles Few, of Thomasville, spent Sunday and Monday in the city with W. F. Williams....Valdosta and Atlanta will go for a few rounds to get the 1913 K. of P. Grand Lodge....Miss Carolyne Byrd spent Saturday and Sunday in the city. She is teaching at Pearson....Those living in Kill-Me-Quick may secure The Freeman from Shellie Byrd, at Rivers' store....The Freeman is for sale every Saturday at Dockett's drug store, 122 Ashby street. W. F. Williams, agent, corner Magnolia and York streets, "The Daylight Corner."

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Era Barnes is now at her home on Marion street, and is much improved....The croquet and ice cream social given April 9 at the A. M. E. Church was fairly well attended....Mrs. Harris, of Hannibal, Mo., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rhodes, of South West street, recently....The supper and ice cream social given April 11 at Mount Emery Baptist Church was fairly well attended....Mrs. Alcenda Bryant, of 4838 Clay avenue, does not seem to improve much....All churches were largely attended April 14....The supper at McCabe church was largely attended....Rev. A. E. Miller has returned from St. Louis, Mo., where he attended conference. He was sent here for another year. He also goes to Pittsfield, Ill., at different times to preach....The Misses Waffulls, of Waverly, Ill., were guests recently in our city....The funeral services of Mrs. Maria Herman were held April 15 at McCabe Church, of which she was a faithful member, and also a member of Hicklin Tabernacle. Rev. Miller officiated.

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P. S. We especially want to try to encourage every real true believer in Christ Jesus, who belongs to the Negro race that this invitation reaches, to do some kind act for the High Educational College of Glory in this rally and for this cause, any such a member of the Negro race that will make it their task or delight to give $21.00, or to get twenty-one other people to give at least $1.00 to $5.00 each to us now, or on or before the 1st day of July, 1912, to help us pay off the $6,000 mortgage, to each of such real true believers in Christ we will issue a Royal Life Certificate, making them a full life member of the Grand, Supreme, Holy Trinity Association of the first power. It is worth more than $130 to any worthy man or woman to be admitted a life member of same.
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Several hundred depositors made a wild rush on the Penny Savings Bank on last Wednesday and Thursday, which caused Cashier Frazier to close the doors temporarily until he could summon the officers, stockholders and others. The wires were put in action and the loyal members of the race and institution were told the facts and condition, and the cause of the run was explained, after which a call was issued and a mass meeting was held, where every loyal director, officer, depositor and citizen was invited to participate, and several hundred people were there to learn the facts. After several business talks were made by women and men of every calling and walk in the city and near-by towns, Dr. C. L. McPhearson and H. W. Scott, the grocer, were elected as chairman and secretary. Business picked up to the tune of over $1,400 pledged to help to keep in operation the greatest monument ever established here by members of the race. It stands to reason that not only will Negro concerns close their doors when false statements are put into circulation, but white firms will meet the same fate. This one mishap is a most unfortunate one, and must be keenly felt by all the race everywhere, because the banking business in the West is yet in its experimental stage, so far as the masses are concerned, and all the safeguards that can be put around a bank will not thoroughly open the eyes of some of the race. However, it must receive its encouragement from the loyal women and men who are willing to stand up and be counted, as those did in the mass meetings Thursday and Friday nights, when it took dollars and cents to count towards opening the doors of the bank to the public. It is now ready to do business with you and your friends, and, with the able officials and the valuable real estate holdings, not one penny shall be lost to any one of its depositors. It is the cherished wish of every one connected with the bank, officers and directors. All hope to have the public confidence restored soon. This you can better tell by going there and have your business and financial transactions properly adjusted and financed with your own money through this bank. The officials desire to emphatically stop the rumor that some of the officers have overdrawn, and that every one officially connected is under a warranty bond to transact the business of his department, which is for the public's safety. In all of their transactions let these few lines be kept in your memory....The following compose the roster of lady members of Evening Chapel C. M. E. Church workers in the Philas Wheatly Club, which has done much financial work toward the building fund, furnishings, etc.: Mesdames E. M. Mayes, president; E. Middleton, vice president; Miss Louie Boyd, secretary; Mary Jackson, assistant secretary; A. Daugherty, treasurer; Estella Johnson, chaplain.... Mr. C. H. Chandler and Mr. Major Early left for Denver, Colo....Rev. J. D. Fears spent some time here at the bedside of his sick son, who was the victim of a stray bullet in a shooting affray some nights ago, but is now recovering. Rev. Fears left for his home and church, which is at Caldwell, Tex....Mrs. Mattie Johnson and daughter Lucile are prospecting in California, with the intention of making it their future home. Their many friends in and around the great metropolis wish them much success in the golden West....The remains of Mr. Sidney Jones, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. J. Preston, 818 Good street, Thursday of the past week, were shipped to McKinney for interment. Mr. Jones was very active during his long illness, being 97 years old at the time of his death ....Excursions, peaches and watermelon time is near by. We trust, however, that all will never forget what the winter was and what healthy looking boys and men there are to be seen daily working in the city chain gang, since the big cleaning up began to claim the attention of the authorities. Here and there we see whites and blacks wearing the spur and chains, but they are putting up the city time because they had nothing to do, and there are hundreds yet chancing luck by the hold-up route and purse snatching, with the ugly gun, which is a menace to the welfare of all loyal citizens, regardless of color, every night or so, and no one being caught. We all await future results on these dreaded conditions......The many friends will be glad to note that while the people of the metropolis were busying themselves at the various Eastern functions, Mr. Chas. Williams and Miss M. Johnson were made man and wife at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bolden, 2715 Gilliott street. Rev. George W. Bradshaw officiated. A large number of young people were there, participating in a big Easter egg hunt at the time, and it proved a realistic joke. The young couple stand high in their circle of the young set of the city. They are daily receiving congratulations....Great was the enthusiasm of the Dallasites who attended the conference held in Fort Worth the past week, of the A. M. E. Churches of this (West Texas) district. Mrs. Hunter Phoenix and a party of ladies are all smiles at the courtesies shown them. While there Dr. J. L. Griffin and his choir of traveling singers in evangelistic work have been holding meetings at the Mt. Rose Baptist Church, and report great success in pointing sinners to the Almighty....Rev. and Mrs. Murff, hailing from Capetown, South Africa, spoke at several of the city churches the past week....Mr. C. A. Orr, of California, spent several days here visiting relatives and friends. He was tendered a smoker at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harding, 3607 Roseland avenue, which proved to be quite an elaborate stag to all who participated. Toasts and merriment, combined with wit and oratory, crude and otherwise, brought back the bygone days to the chicken ranchman of the Golden Gate. He was highly pleased at the progress now being made by many of the men he knows here. A toothsome menu was sperad and the evening was well spent....The Royal Buffet, in K. of P. Hall building, 2218 Main street, serves a big free lunch every day. Mr. B. T. McCloskey, proprietor....Mrs. Pat Bartlett, of this city, has moved to her former home in Corsicana, where she will look after the estate of her deceased mother, who recently died in California, while there visiting her daughter. Her residence is at 712 East Fourth street. Her many Dallas friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved ones of the family....Mr. Houston Mayes, one time of Dallas, but now of Houston, spent sometime here with friends the past week. ....J. C. Volks, Billy George, W. McMillon and Wm. Sanders are a quartette, but not singers. They are business men who are buying Dallas dirt. Boys, take warning....A purse snatcher near Ross and Fairmount streets tried, but failed in his attempt to take Mrs. F. F. Garner's purse Monday night of last week. She had just recently returned home from a two months' stay in Chicago, Ill....The joint stewardesses of Bethel Church were entertained by Mrs. Hunter Phoenix, last Monday evening, at tea.....We welcome the great exodus now on in the ranks of the young men who are trying to better their condition by joining some kind of lodge. Right step, young men.....Mrs. Maud Moore is up....Mrs. Henry Tinsly is suffering with hay fever....Mr. B. G. Johns suffered a slight stroke of paralysis the past week....Mr. Granville Lacy is ill at his home on West Flora street. .....Don't promise and then do the installment dodging from The Freeman man when you tell him to call. We don't care to deal with that class of the race. There is room on the city chain gang for all of that class of Negroes. See?....Mrs. Leon Prather is up, after several days' illness.

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Archbishop Justus J. Evans, D. G., the author.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Business Is Thriving—Prospects Much Brighter.

The future prospects for colored people in this city, from a business viewpoint, are brighter than ever before. There is a tendency on the part of Negroes everywhere to not only engage in business, but to enlarge those they now have. We have one bank here, doing a good business, considering its capital and age; seven groceries, one insurance company and realty business, A. M. Williams, manager; three newspapers, one printing office, two millinery establishments, three restaurants, three or four barber shops worthy of praise for their progressiveness; two lawyers, three doctors, one shoe store, three or four pressing establishments, one first-class tailor shop, J. W. Slaughter, proprietor; one insurance agent, working for a large company; one photographer; several strong secret orders, with good capital; a Masonic Temple; one undertaker; one manual training school; a splendid Old Folks' Home and Orphanage; one fine hair-dressing store; good carpenters, bricklayers and plumbers. In fact, our people are astir here. There is need of more restaurants and groceries and a meat market, as well as a dry goods and gents' furnishing store. A plan is afoot to start a drug store, which is timely..... We had a candidate for coroner in the recent election, who made a pretty good race, failing to get the nomination, but establishing a precedent—running..... There was a play here last week, April 12, from Decatur, entitled "Valley Farm," which was classy and meritorious. "Zambo," a musical comedy written by A. W. Naylor, a young man of this city, proved quite a hit, and will be repeated in the near future....The Irwin Park open-air festivities by Mr. Vires have begun....A party of Jacksonvillites were up to see "ambo" on the 5th inst.....This paper is on sale here at the following places: J. E. Thompson, Eleventh and Washington; Cenate Restaurant, Eleventh and Washington; Forum office, Eighth and Washington streets....The Leland Hotel young men are making good under C. H. Barton, headwaiter....Baseball will be alive here this year. C. C. Renfro and Major Duncan will have a strong team...."Horace is a fine lad." Yes, girls—B. K. F. & Co. are sure ladies' men, and don't you forget it....B. H. Bellamy, one of our finest young men, died here April 9, and was buried April 11....Mr. Purvines, who died April 10, was an aged bricklayer.....Mrs. Clarinda Head died last week....The annual memorial sermon of the K. of P. will be held May 1. Memorial sermon for the Masons was held Sunday, April 7.....The Elks' May ball will begin May 6. A big attendance is anticipated....Yates for vice president. Oh, yes; oh, yes....Lt is not written, but said, that J. H. White is to join the "innumerable caravan that leads to that mysterious realm," soon.... Mrs. J. M. Smalley will reside here.... Rev. W. F. Walker was returned to Grace M. E. Church....Who said Forest Cooper was going to get married?....Mr. Richard Ross is convalescent....The Sunday schools are striving to organize in order that better work may be done....J. W. Grady and L. F. Osborne contemplate making improvements in their shops. ....Quite a crowd attended the Elks' ball at Decatur.

HENDERSON, KY.

By La Vetta Jones,

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

The formal opening of the domestic science department proved to be a great success. The building was filled to its utmost capacity with visitors, who seemed very much pleased with the progress that has been made in the school since last year. The work on exhibition was creditable and spoke well for the students.... The Young Men's Business League has moved into its new headquarters on the corner of Dixon and Alves streets....A Dunbar recital will be given by John H. Wilson at the First Baptist Church, Friday, April 19. Mr. Wilson is a well-known lawyer and is prominent in Evansville, where he practices....The Flower Girls' Club met with Misses Jessie and Fostina Miller. The following officers were elected: Miss Jessie Miller, president; Miss Emma Nunn, vice president; Miss Julia Clark, secretary; Miss McHelen Posey, assistant secretary; Miss Fostina Miller, treasurer....A play will be given by Mrs. V. R. Gowdy, at Benevolent Hall, April 26, for the benefit of the Tri-City Uniforrm Rank, K. of P. The title of this play is "A Perplexing Situation," and it will be worth seeing.... Dr. W. J. Weston spent Sunday in Corydon....Prof. H. Francis Jones was in Owensboro, Sunday, in the interest of the Uniform Rank of that city....Mr. Milton Letcher, of Evansville, spent a few days in the city, the guest of Mr. James Jordan....Mr. Edward Barrett, who has been in St. Louis for some time, has returned to the city.

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OWENSBORO, KY.

Mrs. Carrie Valentine, after lingering a year or more with lung trouble, died on the 14th. Funeral was held from Center Street Baptist church, of which she was a member....Mrs. Hattie Merriweather and children went to Maceo to visit relatives last Sunday....The condition of Alexander Johnson is unimproved and his death is expected at any time. He has been a victim of that dread disease, consumption, for quite awhile....Mr. G. A. Payne and Miss Lee Anna Crump were quietly married on the 9th inst. at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Katie Prather, on Plum street. Mr. Payne is an excellent young man and Mrs. Payne a most estimable young lady. We ask God's blessing upon them....The Uniform Rank, K. of P., turned out in full uniform last Sunday and went to Center Street church. Prof. Jones, of Henderson, a high official of the order, delivered a splendid address....The first excursion of the season will be over the Henderson route on Sunday the 21st, from Henderson to Louisville; $1.50 for the round trip. Everybody get ready....Rev. W. J. Price, of Henderson, came up to our city last Tuesday....Mr. Frank Claybrook, of Poplar street, is very ill and has been so for the last weeks....Mrs. Walter Houston, who has been confined to her bed for quite awhile, is unimproved at this writing.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a run-about and around, a gambler, and the most wicked man that our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. o-day, I will say it is on a stair-steps of ibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.

I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,

MRS. T. G. D.,
Oklahoma, Okla.

My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

MRS. JOSIE T. M.,
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To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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Thought Ismay. Now's the time to get away.

The Colonel is at the bat. He's done some swatting all right.

If our baseball team isn't mindful it will be looked on as a near team.

"He who fights and runs away, will live to see another day," said Ismay in great dismay.

Had our first show. It means spring weather is cinched. Winter can't come back—we hope.

Election reports are not nearly as interesting as they were a few days ago. "I wonder why?"

When the Roosevelt forces are winning nothing is heard of contests. It all depends on whose ox is being gored, don't yo uknow.

Mr. Roosevelt says he would break the solid South. He will do it when the elephants roost in the trees and the rest of it.

— Simply dazed, not daunted, the Taft forces are up and at 'em again. Indications are that the President will land right side up on nomination day.

The Mayor is doing some of his effective campaigning right long in here. When it comes to that kind of business, guess you'll have to give it to him. None better of his kind.

The recall proposition for the new Ohio constitution was not sustained. That State will enter no heretical governoring principles in its constitution, Mr. Roosevelt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

President Taft is again busy building up his column. Lost a chunk or so which considerably retarded the work. He gives it out that the structure will be completed as promised—and it looks that way.

If the colored people enjoy any thing above seeing a show it is seeing two. If there's doubt about the whereabouts of your friends and acquaintances, just follow the circus line. If they are not there they are in Chicago.

Well, if Rev. T. A. Smythe is willing to make a sacrifice of himself by going to Africa as a bishop, he should have the pleasure.. This has in mind his qualifications, his prospects at home—right among civilization with all of its allurements. Our loss will be Africa's gain.

The sea gives up its dead. Many bodies have been picked up that were floating in the vicinity of the Titanic when it went down. Some of these have been identified, others are not known. The unknown will appear with the list of missing when the great balance of the quick and the dead is struck at the final day.

William Clarence Matthews, who was recently appointed Assistant District Attorney at Boston, is another famous athlete. His appointment is said to be due to the influence of Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis. It seems that it takes considerable brains to be even a good athlete. Lewis was also distinguished for his prowness on various fields more or less "sanguinary."

"Colored men wanted in the army," is the way the United States Army recruiting station's bulletin at Indianapolis reads. Let us see. Wasn't there a time when colored men had a pretty low army rating? And strange enough, many of our race publications who swore they were done, O, ever so done with Mr. Roosevelt, owing to Brownsville, are chanting his praises. Their ways are past finding out.

Ten thousand Filipinos recently crowded in the stadium at Manila to see a game of baseball—America's game. Well, the sport side of the colored brother everywhere is readily developed.

Rev. T. A. Smythe is willing to go to Africa as bishop. He is intellectually equipped, also, having youth, health and enjoying popularity at home. It requires some sacrifice, much sacrifice, yet he prefers the post.

One reason, that is unusually strong, is given by an onlooker of the M. E. Church conferences for having colored bishops to look after colored congregations. He says that at present much of the work of the conference is done in the streets. White bishops find it unpopular to stop with colored families and negroes are not expected in most hotels. Thus the little side conferences which are so necessary to the successful conduct of the conference as a whole are held in the streets where the colored preacher must meet the white bishop.

Race leadership will rest on all of those things and conditions necessary for building up a race and not on the kind of education. For essential as education is it is not the end all and be all. The individual is the ultimate—all things were made for man, who was made on the last day. Thus his importance is divinely supported.

The individual that promotes business enterprises by active or moral support, that uromotes industralism in all its phases, that stands for all of the professions seen operating among the enlightened races, also the arts and sciences, that stands for morals, religion as best understood and politics to a saving degree, is a leader.

A very commendable effort is being made to rebuild the Second Baptist Church, one of the best known colored churches in the country. Things had gotten into a bad way and did not promise to improve until Joseph H. Broyles, son of the well-known late Rev. Moses Broyles, decided to get into the movement. Mr. Broyles is being assisted by a band of faithful workers, who are determined that the old church shall rear up again and assume its former sway for good. Through their efforts several thousand dollars have been raised within the past few days.

The church has had country-wide influence among the colored people. Wherever the denomination was known the Second Church and its Moses Broyles towered fairly without rivalry. It's a long story of what influences served to reduce it as we now see it—nor is it necessary to rehearse it. It is enough to know what it was and what it yet may be by the united aid of those who thrived spiritually by its ministrations, and by the assistance of their children who doubtless have felt the influence, as it were coming on down to them. Can we afford to see the great church humiliated?

THE LESSON OF THE TITANIC.

The catastrophe of the day, if not of all time, was the going down of the Titanic in mid-sea a few days ago, causing an appalling loss of life. The world of civilized peoples was profoundly shocked. It has in various ways showed grief on account of the lamentable happening, and respect and admiration for those—the men especially—who knew how to die when necessity presented. Courage has been likened unto a virtue. In this case it was wholly that. In the future when Thermopylae is cited and Tennyson's "Light Brigade," the heroism displayed on the Titanic can be referred to with equal pride, if we can thus call it.

Distinguished men and women were swallowed up in old ocean's capacious keep. Their loss is lamented because of their large share in the doings of the world. Undistinguished men and women were swallowed up in old ocean's capacous keep. Their loss is lamented because the miserable existence of those depending on them is increased—more recruits for the undesirable lives owing to hard conditions imposed. The loss of the Titanic will be felt for a thousand years because of changed conditions of a thousand families, owing to the loss of a thousand men. Looking at it this way the calamity is simply incalculable.

But there is compensation to some extent in the sublime lesson of courage, a very necessary quality in the midst of this latter day civilization, when life almost equals a hazard. The flying machine, the automobile, the rapid transit trains are grim reminders of death. And if we have those things successfully it means death as a close associate—an ever present theme, thus preparing men to die, and also meaning a preparedness to die, unless we are too reckless of our future.

Musicians are sometimes counted the timid ones among mankind. The occupation is taken too often as an index to the disposition. Heroism is the sentiment, or the poetical of man aserting itself, and which comes at such great moments if it comes at all. The musician is a near relation to the poet; and since the poetical and heroism stand for nearly the same thing, the musician is clearly in the susceptible class—susceptible to heroism. The band played "Nearer My God to Thee." Perhaps a thing of the kind has never happened before. Perhaps it was their prayer, but at that it was sublime. "When shall their glory fade?" Grant, Sheridan, Lee, Alexander, Napoleon or Caesar will not cite more than this.

NEGRO BISHOPS FOR M. E. CHURCH.

In the contention for Negro bishops for the M. E. church it is said that in the conducting of conferences much of the business has to be done in the streets. This is because white bishops now find it unpopular to stop with Negro families, and the Negro ministers are not expected at the hotels where the white bishops find it necessary to stay. All of the conference business can not be done in open meetings, consequently bishops and ministers must get together in a private way to thrash out questions, to do many things that make up the conference details.

The Christian spirit would seem proof against the separation tendency; theoretically it is, but we must conclude in the interest of Christianity and the races, that God's ways are past finding out. He is infinite we are finite, and it may be and it must be from that viewpoint that whatever is, is right. The Negroes' period of slavery and final redemption was no defined scheme of man. That is, he did not see the end from the beginning; the race itself had no part to speak of in its redemption; so after all it may be best to abide by the ordering of "fate," knowing by the past what the future, to some extent, has in store. We will take courage of the past as to what that future may be. It is the best we can do—resign to the inevitable—relying on the promises of the Master as to the final outcome.

Whatever we may hope for or wish, we can not get away from the fact, that the races are hostile in things social. We can not explain away the stubborn fact, the condition is due to various causes, finitely considered; too many to enumerate here together with the necessary discussion. The church is a social institution and does not seek to be exempt from the general classing. The colored members of the M. E. church have labored advantageously within the fold of that church, materially, and, of course, spiritually. But the social side which means common fellowship and unqualified unity has been wanting, the condition has been tolerated, and we suppose in the interest of the condition hoped and prayed for. It did not come. It can not come within the church until it comes elsewhere. It ought not come within the church until it comes elsewhere. If it should come in the church, an impossibility, and not elsewhere, it would be hypocrisy, which should be no quality of the church.

As the condition is, it appears to us, that the contention is right for Negro bishops. They will move freely among their own, unhampered by social restrictions incident to the times. If Negro ministers may not have charge of white churches owing to racial feeling, if Negro superintendents may not have in charge white ministers, and if Negro bishops may not be chosen to preside as white bishops do, then it is clearly the duty of the Negro to look after their own end. They are not expected to be blessed with all of the religion; they can at least assert that manhood permissible even in religion.

The good of contact in the past will not be denied. The white race when proper in indeed proper. They have taught much. All that we know has been learned of them. We have their code of morals, ethics—all that they have or know. To wean us now—to wean the Negro element of the church is obvious enough whether evidenced by direct intent, or suggested out of the very condition of things. The particular church is not responsible for whatever may happen. It is distinctly a racial matter, and which knows no barriers. Something may be lost in the disjoining, but it should not be so, since we have precepts and examples. The great A. M. E. church is formidable, yet from its inception until now it has been manned by members of the race; likewise the A. M. E. Zion church giving ample proof of the efficiency, and Christian integrity of ..egro churchmen. The A. M. E. church is another example of Negro promoted organizations. All of these flourish; are influential and are answering the demands made on them as religious and moral forces.

GIANTS WIN FIRST GAME

MORE THAN 1,000 FANS PRESENT TO SEE OPENING CONTEST

MANY GAILY DRESSED LADIES PRESENT

Editor Benjamin Davis, of Atlanta, Ga., a Guest in the City—Annual Recital at Oakland Music Hall, Drew a Large Audience - Social and Personal News.

By Cary B. Lewis.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25.—Special.—Although the weather was very cloudy and rain checks were given each fan on Sunday at the American Giants' Park, it remained clear enough for nine innings to be played, and the American Giants, under the direction of the famous "Rube" Foster, to be victorious. The game was played against the crack Rogers Park team, and interest ran high throughout the nine innings.

Over a thousand people were present to give cheer to the "home boys" who brought the "bacon home" with ease. The game was sewed up in the fourth inning when the Giants brought in four scores, having brought in one in the third; the Rogers Park, too, being able to score one in the same inning.

The crowd was made up of some of the most prominent people in the city, and the boxes were filled with charming ladies and their escorts. The ladies were all dressed in the height of fashion, their headgear being the newest and latest in millinery art. Among some of the prominent men in the boxes were: Mr. W. L. Houston, ex-grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Washington, D. C.; Hon. S. B. Davis, editor of the Atlanta Independent, Atlantaa, Ga.; Hon. B. F. Moseley; Hon. Louie B. Anderson, assistant county attorney; Dave Wyatt; M. Haynes; John Frye; Edward Clark; Frank Leland; Major R. R. Jackson, and a host of other well-known fans.

The Giants played a brilliant game, and Gatewood pitched a splendid game; only three walked, while he struck out seven heavy batters.

The score:

Giants	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	*—5
R. Park	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

Two-base hits—Duncan, 2; Barber, Gatewood, Toney, Green, Hussey. Double play—Green to Strothers. Struck out—By Gatewood, 7; by Lange, 4. Bases on balls—Off Gatewood, 3; off Most, 1; off Lange, 1. Umpire—O'Brien. Time—2 hours.

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Notes on the Game.

The usheres are very polite and courteous to all.

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The ground was very soggy, and not much opportunity for real brilliant playing.

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The American Giants fans were out in great numbers. The Giants have the most enthusiastic fans of any team in Chicago.

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Editor S. B. Davis occupied a box. The Atlanta journalist had the highest praises for the American Giants.

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Monroe, in the third inning, made a phenomenal catch. He is one of the safest players on the team.

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Duncan made a hit between second and third that was a "peach." He was the first to score. In the fourth he made a two-bagger.

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Strother played first in tip-top style. He did not fail to hit the pill.

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Payne made a two-bagger in the fourth and befuddled everybody around second base.

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The double by Green and Strothers was one of the feature plays of the day. "Greenie" was in fine fettle on Sunday, and his stock is still up at 100 per cent.

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Col. H. Horseley is at the gate this year, representing the Giants. When a colored newspaper man enters, he holds them up, but when a white man passes and says he is a representative of the press, he passes them in. This is rather embarrassing to colored editor and newspaper men.

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Mr. Foster and the Giants have been out in the State since Monday, and will return by Saturday night in time for a game between the Giants and the United States League.

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Pierce's arm was in great form Sunday. He is a fine catcher and a wonderful addition to the team.

Benj. Davis Here.

Chicago was visited last week by Mr. Benjamin Davis, of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Davis is the editor of the Atlanta Independent, one of the strongest and most valuable race journals in the South. While here he was the guest of several prominent Odd Fellows of this city, including Mr. Louis B. Anderson, assistant county attorney. Mr. Davis was shown true Chicago hospitality, and on Sunday, in company with Hon. B. F. Moseley, ex-Grand Master Houston and Mr. Anderson, attended the baseball game between the American Giants and Rogers Park. The party, in company with the Freeman representative, occupied boxes.

Mr. Davis is the leading Odd Fellow in the South, and is a member of the Supreme Court, the legal body of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Davis, Mr. Houston and Mr. Norris were at St. Paul, where a conference of that body was held. Mr. Davis stopped over in Chicago long enough to meet a number of Odd Fellows. He was most enthusiastic over the coming session of the B. M. C., that is to meet in Atlanta in September. He said:

"I am glad to find so many hearty Odd Fellows in the 'Windy City.' I am thankful for the reception they have given me. We are making great preparations to entertain the B. M. C. when it meets in my city. We are building one of the finest temples in the South, in which the B. M. C. will meet. Odd Fellows in all sections of the South will join us in helping to make the meeting the greatest in the history of the organization. We will be pleased to see as many Odd Fellows as possible to visit Atlanta during the sessions of the B. M. C."

Mr. Davis was asked about his candidacy. He said that he was in the hands of his friends, and from all indications, he hoped to be elected the next national grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Davis spoke of the character and capacity of the membership of the order, saying that it was growing in every state, and was the greatest fraternal order of the race. He left Sunday night for his home. Mr. Houston left Monday for Washington, D. C. It is expected that the B. M. C. will be given the widest publicity.

Annual Recital.

Mr. Frank P. George presented Mr. George R. Garner, Jr., in his second annual recital on Monday night at Oakland Music Hall. Chicago's exclusive social set was out in large numbers to hear this invincible celebrite. Mr. Garner sang twelve songs, including two recitatives and arias, they being the "Celeste Aida" from "Adia" and "O, Paradise" from "El Africana." He also sang the "Erlking" by Schubert. He received several large bouquets of flowers. Mr. Garner has achieved exceptional success in concer work, oratorio and recital work. He possesses a fine baritone-tenor, one which expresses every shade of emotion. But few artists before the public sing with more artistic finish and with more careful attention to enunciation, phrasing and expression than does George R. Garner. Mr. Charlie Elger played several selections on the violin that were received with much applause. His playing was grand, showing much practice and cleverness. Miss Garner was at the piano with her usual technique and expression.

Extensive preparations are being made by Mr. Frank P. George, of the Danabegay, for a monster recital at Oakland Music Hall May 29. Mr. George will present the great St. Clare White, Chicago's noted violinist. Miss White has written a playlet and will appear in the same with Mr. George. The other members on the program for the evening will be Miss Annis Hackley, dramatic soprano; Miss Nellie Revel, emotional actress; Mr. Alexander O. Taylor, pianist, and Mr. Joe Shoecraft, monologist. Mr. Garfield Wilsons' orchestra will be augumented for the occasion. The Danabegay has become the leading musical and social event of Chicago. Mr. George has striven to give this city the best talent obtainable, and by this means the crowds are increasing annually.

Miss Emma Kinchen, Bates building, Thirty-sixth and State streets, is one of the most proficient young musicians in the city. She was at the piano several times last week at society dances.

Locals.

Mr. Cary B. Lewis has received an annual passbook from Mr. Charles Comiskey to see all games played at the American League Park. Only six colored men hold such books, and the writer is indeed thankful to Mr. Comiskey for the honor and privilege of having a seat in the grandstand whenever the White Soxs are in the city.

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Dr. Daniel H. Williams will leave next month for Kansas City to be present at the Tri-State Medical Association meeting. Dr. Williams will not only deliver an address to the body, but will perform several major operations, displaying in a methodical way his technique and knowledge of surgery.

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Dr. D. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, is much better at this writing.

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Miss Myra Jones has returned home after a delightful stay with the Misses Mitchell.

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The fourth annual meeting for the advancement of colored people will be held at Siani on Sunday night, and Handel Haal the remaining two days. Dr. Du Bois and Mr. Oscar Garrison Villard will be among the speakers.

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One or two weddings took place this week. A more complete account will appear next week.

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Editor R. B. Montgomery, one of the leading Taft men in this country, passed through the city this week en route from Tuskegee Institute to Washington. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levy on Thirty-second and LaSalle streets.

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From all indications, the visitors from the South will start their annual pilgrimages to Chicago early in May.

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Messrs. Phil Brown and Phil Waters have engaged headquarters in thi scity for the Republican convention. Both are strong Taft men.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Rev. E. T. Fishback, a Guest of the City—A Christian Church to Open—The Revival Started—Mrs. Brown Opens Beauty Parlor—Personal and Social News.

By Hardin Tolbert
At Peoples Pharmacy. Both Phones 666.

Frankfort, Ky.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. E. T. Fishback, of Wichita, Kans., who was called to Richmond, Ky., by the illness of his mother, who died a few hours after his arrival, has returned to this city, where he began his career as pastor of the Corinthian Baptist Church, which is considered the most cultured colored church in Kentucky, and whose congregation has never called none but the most cultured, refined and up-to-date ministers of the day. Rev. Fishback, when merely a boy, launched into the great responsibilities of life, after making a high record in the State University, where he won the gold medal in an oratorical contest, graduating from the university and theological department. With that university spirit he took the burdens of the world to carry through life. Rev. Fishback answered the Nazareen's call for many faithful Christians of the Corinthian Baptist Church. He was their standard bearer for nine years, where he accomplished much good work, until the Almighty saw fit to have him answer the prayers of his blessed people, who called him to the far West. He married one of Frankfort's most refined and Christian young ladies, Miss Shelton, who is now sharing with him the resopnsibilities of a minister of the gospel. Rev. Fishback was made happy, as he walked down the streets, by the dear little shcool children, who had not forgotten his loving kindness to them while in the city. They crowded upon him, caught hold of his hand and coat, and asked him many questions. Rev. Fishback is a member of the Minitserial Circle of Wichita, Kans., and each member contributes a sermon to the Wichita Beacon, a daily white paper, in series. He had the proud distinction of being chosen the best speaker in the Western Literary Assembly, and was the only colored man there. He is known throughout the State as an eloquent speaker and a brilliant writer. He won a big reputation with the "Fishback Flasher" in the Bluegrass Bugle. Rev. Fishback received a standing invitation to return to the city.

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The people of this city are glad to know that the spirit of religious work seems to be getting into every nook and corner. Rev. Scott Jameson is now trying to start a Christian Church, with the co-operation of the people. He has asked every person whose interest runs in this line to help save the downtrodden of humanity, to assemble at the Grace M. E. Church on the first Sunday afternoon in May. Many visiting ministers will be present to help advance the work. Every person in the city should make it their special business to solicit aid and help make the building of another house of the Lord, of which we are so badly in need, a success. Rev. Jameson is a young man, and has been but a few years ordained in the ministry. We should join him and help to carry on this work. We can always extend a hearty welcome to the church builders, for we know the value and worth of their being in our midst, for it brings glad tidings to our ears and happiness to our heart and success to our future welfare. Rev. Jameson is depending on the people to help and buy this building, which they are to meet in the first Sunday in May. It is for sale for church purposes only, and Rev. Jameson's request is for the people as a band of Christians to assemble together and buy this church property. All denominations are requested to be present and join in this struggle.

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A great epoch is on in Frankfort. The religious side of life seems to be the appropriate occasion for the interest of our people. Rev. W. T. Silvey started a revival April 21, at the First Baptist Church, and it seems that the interest is growing. The people are attending church now more and more each night; prayer meetings are being held at different members' houses each evening. Men and women are coming up and answering for their sins, by the request of their own consciences. The date for this revival to close has not been set. Rev. Silvey is hard at work for evangelization, and sinners are coming in numbers. The meeting started off with a large crowd and is increasing each night.

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Mr. P. W. Williams, a highly respected colored Democrat, has accepted a position as the Governor's messenger. He will succeed Mr. A. C. Brint, of Hopkinsville, a Republican, the 1st of May. Mr. Brint ranks high in the Republican party, and has held many honorable positions that was a credit to him and his race. Mr. Williams is a graduate of the Normal Institute and has taught school for a number of years. He won a State-wide reputation as an orator of high ability. He is not a Negro who seeks the Democratic party as a means of personal gain, but he stands out as a man and denounces wrong regardless of party, and his living in our midst is valuable to us. Mr. Williams is one of our many energetic leaders and men of progressive ideas, such as Lawyer L. D. Smith, who served as a trustee of the Normal Institute for years, and Dr. A. C. Tutt, one of our present superintendents of the State. All of these ideal Democratic Negro leaders have gone out and toured the State and made a record for this party.

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Miss Ethel Jordan, of New York, will present a play at the Normal Institute the last Friday night in this month.

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Miss Christian Bryant has returned from Chattanooga, Tenn., after spending the winter with Mrs. Mary Walker. Miss Bryant won much distinction by her graceful manner of dancing. After her first appearance on the floor, in such an artistic manner, the Nashville Globe gave her a nice article. We are glad to learn of Kentuckians making good wherever they cast their lot.

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Mr. J. A. Phillips, of Louisville, was in the city, the guest of his many friends.

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Mrs. Henrietta Smith and Miss Ather Murry were in the city, from Bagdad, Ky., the guests of Mrs. Fannie Mitchel.

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Mrs. Nellie Dismikal, of Maysville, Ky., grand queen mother of the Knights of the Temple, International Order of Twelve, passed through the city en route to Louisville, Ky.

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Rev. W. N. Newett, of Pewee Valley, passed through the city en route to Louisville, from Lexington.

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Mr. Thomas Price left for Battle Creek, Mich., after spending a few days in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Maggie Crampton.

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Rev. Edward Campbell is very ill with the grip.

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Mr. Ennes Berry was called to Cincinnati on the death of his nephew, Mr. Lewis Halloch.

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Miss Josephine Lee, of Lexington, Ky., visited Miss Willie Edward for several days. Miss Lee received the hospitality of many friends while in the city.

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Mrs. Widdie Collins and Christian Browder spent a day in Lexington, Ky.

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Miss Margaret Broadax and Mr. Howard, of Cincinnati, have announced their wedding, which will take place August 18 in this city.

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Mr. John Sallie left for Harrisburg, Ky., to visit his parents.

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Prof. S. F. Collin, of the Normal Institute, scientific department, delivered the principal address at the closing of the Springfield, Ky., schools.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

The Outlook Committee Passes Resolutions on Titanic Disaster—The Ruby Theatre Opening Delayed on Account of Chairs - Social Notes.

By Lee L. Brown,

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The Negro Outlook Committee in a special meeting last Friday night, paassed resolutions expressing their regret over the loss of so many human lives in the recent catastrophe of the Titanic. Other very important questions were discussed by the members. Mr. Grey, the chairman has associated with him in this work a large number of loyal citizens who are using every effort to better the conditions of our race. The object of this organization is to discourage the evils existing in our city that make special prey of our people, Chili Parlors, Loan Sharks, Dance Halls connected with saloons. Second, to secure as far as possible a proper proportion of civic benefits such as cleaner and better streets, better chools and school equipment, better hospital facilities and play grounds for our boys and girls, also to improve industrial conditions and opportunities for oud laborers and stimulate mutual patronage in business, to encourage thrift, economy and home buying, in order to develop a better respected citizen. This organization hopes to co-operate with like committees in their cities in the attempt to improve the general status of the Negro of the United States.

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The Ruby Theatre that was scheduled to open on April 29th, will not open on account of the delay of chairs. The treatre will open May 6th, already the box seats for the first engagement have been sold. This is indeed one of the prettiest houses in the south. Every modern convenience has been added. Mr. Joplin assures us that only first class shows will be booked, and that no one need have any fear as to the character of the plays. We have no objections to a good moving picture show or high class vaudeville, for we believe that moving picture shows ore in the swaddling of its usefulness, that it seems like a good dream come true. Clean comedy, travel pictures, the great industries, domestic and social associations free from the suggestive, have taken the place of a seething deluge of suicides, wanton murders, burglaries and robberies. We are glad to know that Louisville theatre going public are against the vulgar shows and pictures that are so often flashed upon the canvas.

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All of Louisville (Black and White) seems bowed down in grief on account of the great catastrophe of the Titanic. On the sereets, in our cars, stores, private homes and in every walk of life the word Titanic is heard. The flag on the City Hall is at half mast. All of the principal commercial bodies including the Negro Outlook Committee have passed resolutions of sympathy. In one of the strongest and most eloquent editorials from the pen of the great sage of the Courier Journal, Marse Henry Watterson, there appeared April 17th, one which seemed to express the inward feeling of every one. The editorial in part says: "Horror, helplessness, awe, pity oppress the human mind and heart in the realization of such a world's tragedy as the sinking of the Titanic. That such a structure as this imperial ship, the latest, the supreme, triumph achievment of man in his boasted mastery of the sea, sailing forth on her first voyage with absolute and apparently justified confidence, freighted with more than two thousand mortals and with the riches of many lands, should be crushed like an egg shell and on one of the most treveled roads of the ocean, disappear beneath two miles of water before the marvels of wireless telegraphy could bring her aid, benumbs us anew with our pettiness and feebleness in the grip of the forces of nature, whose puny puppets, instead of whose arrogant masters we are. And yet the civilized world is stricken by the castrophe of the sinking, with her more than two thousand souls." On last Sunday many of the churches held special memorial services while at the Armory there was a union service in memory of the dead in which special tributes were tendered those who now lie beneath the bosom of the ocean. Says the Louisville Evening Post in an editorial: "Take it as a whole, the disaster is one of the saddest ever recorded in the matter of the human life. It was a night that forever darkens a thousand homes."

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Mr. R. H. Jordan of Harrodsburg, Ky., spent a few hours in the city last Sunday.

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Teddy Roosevelt was in the city Monday afternoon for a few moments, he did not make a speech this time, but was only passing through.

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Prof. H. Clarence Russel a teacher in the Kentucky Normal Industrial Institute at Frankfort, Ky., was in the city Sunday and Monday. Prof. Russel is the State Auditor of the U. B. F. Lodges, he is a very worthy young man, a hard student and ever on the alert to be of service to his race.

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Mrs. Lucy A. Brown, the mother of your correspondent left Louisville Monday evening at 11 P. M. for Chicago enroute to Vancouver, British Columbia, where she will remain for some time.

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The Francis Ellen Harper Training School for colored girls was opened last Tuesday afternoon with appropriate exercises. The Home is located on Fifth street near York. Quite a number of well known women in the city are interested.

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A few days ago an editorial appeared in one of our local papers condemning the sending of post cards through the mail containing pictures of lynching scenes. We sent a letter this week to the proprietor of the Center & Broadway Barber Shop, in whose window we had noticed one of the cards, asking him to please remove the card, we cannot say whether or not he complied with our request or not as we have not had time to receive a reply. Let the Negroes all over the country rise up and use every effort to keep these pictures out of sight.

KENNER AND WILLIAMS AT AUGUSTA, GA.

Kenner and Williams have just closed a successful thirty-five-week engagement at the Maceo Theater, Charleston, S. C. Opened at the New Grand Theater, Augusta, Ga., April 8. This theater is one of the finest colored playhouses in the South. It is owned by two of the most prominent men of Augusta, Messrr. Evans and Cook. The managers feel delighted in securing Mr. Lew Kenner and Mr. Williams, stage manager and producer, as they are playing a return engagement. There never were two performers playing Augusta who were better received than Kenner and Williams. The manager is compelled to ask the audience to stop its applause for these two gentlemen to proceed with their act, which is a scream from start to finish.

The show was one of the best ever witnessed in Augusta for a year. The comedy that was rendered in the last act by Mr. John McNeil and Lew Kenner was the talk of the town. Mr. Kenner is the producer of this act, "Big Chief Sitting Bull's Daughter." They got more out of this act with Mr. McNeil as his partner than ever before.

Denver Dick, the villain, was well played by Miss Mabel Johnson, who was one of the big features of this act.

White Swan, Sitting Bull's daughter, was well acted by Miss Rosa Payne.

Red Wing and Hiawatha were played by Mrs. McNeil and Williams, and were well received.

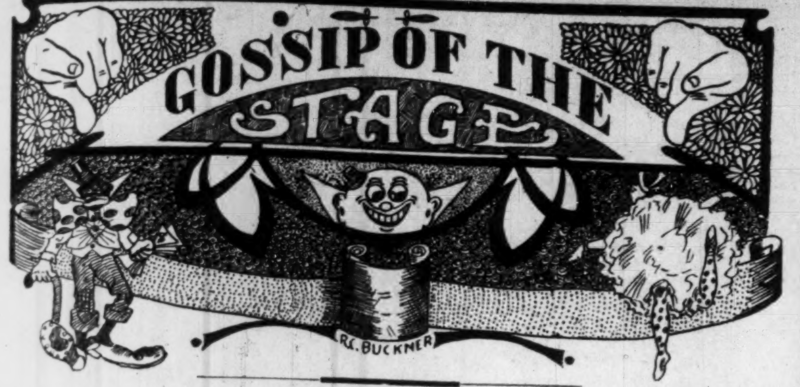
Mr. Thomas Lindsay, who played the part of Big Chief Sitting Bull, deserves much credit.

The managers have spared neither money nor pains to make this house one of the best playhouses in the South.

Mr. Lew Kenner is stage manager, and would like to hear from all good performers.

On Tuesday night the house was closed on account of the death of Mr. Joe Evans's mother. The performers all attended the funeral in a body, and gave a beautiful floral design. Those who acted as pallbearers were: Messrs. Samuel C. Cook, Lew Kenner, John McNeil, Willie Williams, J. L. Taylor, J. H. Jones.

THORNTON & LONG
Are still Making Good with the Oriental Stock Co., Portsmouth, Va.



GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

Mack and Mack are getting theirs with Allen's Troubadours.

Lovejoy has got them all talking, with Allen's Troubadours.

Martin and Motely are at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., this week.

Prof. Ed Butler, with Allen's Troubadours, has got them all humming his ragtime melodies.

Jack Powell, leader of the Old Kentucky Band, has returned to his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Chas. Rogers, ventriloquist, was at the Family Theater, Indianapaolis, the first half of the present week.

Porter anad Porter are at the Star Theater, Pittsburg, where they have been for three weeks, heading the bill.

Johnnie Riddick, late of the Down in Dixie Minstrels, has closed at the Pastime Theater, Baltimore. Going to Washington, D. C.

Guy Truly, trap drummer at the Crown Garden Theaater, would like to hear from Frank Tate. Regards to George Reeves and Harry Haskins.

Fiddler and Shelton are at Kansas City, Mo., this week. At Omaha, Neb., next week, with St. Paul, Minn., to follow.

Arthur Woolidge, "Original Rags," at the Crown Garden theater, Indianapolis, Ind., making hits with extempore versifying—hitting 'em up.

Kenner and Williams have just closed an engagement of thirty-nine weeks at the Maceo Theater, Charleston, S. C. Now at the Grand, Augusta, Ga.

McNeil and McNeil are now at the Dixie Theater, Charlotteville, N. C., where they are scoring a hit nightly with their novelty dancing and classy act.

The Green Trio was held over in Louisville the week of 22d. Indianapolis and Chicago to follow, and would like to hear from Margaret Taylor and Picks.

Claude Winfrey just closed a two weeks' engagement in Richmond, Va. At the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., this week, and at the Blue Mouse next week.

With the S. H. Dudley Theater, Washington, D. C., as a starter, the well-known comedian says that he is already in a position to book acts for four to six weeks.

Mack and Mack (Mary and Billie) are on the bill at the Acme Theater, Meridian, Miss. Everybody rocked to the tune of the "Indian Blues," successfully sung by Mrs. Mack.

Wallace-Hagenbeck Shows, the Union theater and the Crown Garden all for Monday evening in Indianapolis. Something for everybody. Amusement lovers did their part in spreading themselves over the three attractions.

Messrs. Houseley and Nicolas, when in Indianapolis, were entertained by Mrs. Chas. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. Norman Curry. The team is at the Hippodrome, St. Louis, this week. Next week at Detroit, Mich.

Sylvester Russell will move from his residence, 58 East Twenty-eighth street, in Chicago, May 1. His future private address will not be published, but all letters can be addressed to the Monogram Theater, 3028 State street, Chicago, Ill.

According to program, the Crown Garden Theater reopened on the 22nd. An audience testing the capacity of the house was present. The house has been beautified and made more convenient. Tim Owsley, manager, is wreathed in smiles over the prospects. The bill this week is good.

Score one for that tireless worker, S. H. Dudley. One link in the prospective chain has been welded. The Minnehaha, of Washington, D. C., has been purchased by Mr. Dudley, which house will be known in the future as the S. H. Dudley Theater. When his present season closes he will get on to his job of making his chain perfect. The colored brother is coming.

The celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, closed at the Gem Theater, Lexington, Ky., April 20. En route to Indianapolis, Ind. He stopped over in Cincinnati and spent Sunday. He witnessed the bill at the Pekin Theater. He is playing the Crown Garden Theater this week. Leon will open in Chicago soon. Regards to all friends. Hanson and Dixon, write, care The Freeman.

Leon, with his presto-change magic, put one over on Mayor Shank Monday night at the Crown. Leon borrowed a five-dollar bill from Lew. On handing the greenback to him Lew gave one of his usual broad potato smiles, but it changed to an expression of wonder when Leon "burned" it up. Feeling sorry for Indianapolis' executive, Leon restored the money, making the mayor happy again.

Leon Long, the magician, now playing at the Crown, brings us word from Lexington, Ky., about Baby F. Seals, of the team of Seals and Fisher, scoring terrific hit. On flinging one of his happy side-tickling jokes soem man in the audience broadened a smile into a hysterical laugh which lasted for about ten minutes, causing the performance to be delayed. The man was at first thought to have gone insane, but on investigation he was found to be of sound mound.

OPENING. OF THE NEW CROWN GARDEN.

Promptly at 7:30 P. M. the new electric sign over-hanging the lobby front, as well as the inter lights of the lobby sent forth there rays of WELCOME, to all. And in response the old patrons as well as the new ones quickly gathered in front of the box office clamoring for admission. I myself was in the mad rush, waiting to see what the interior would look like since the management had remodeled it. And what a surprise we all received, instead of the old barn like structure, we found a cozy little play house. Also new scenery and so many new things about the Crown that space won't allow me to mention. Long before the orchestra, was due in the pit the house was filled to its capacity. Besides a countless number awaited in the lobby for the second show. Among the many distinguished persons that represented the different box parties was the Honorable Lew Shank, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, more than once during the performance the Mayor showed signs of pleasure. I also notice the Honorable Geo. L. Knox and his son Mr. Elwood C. Knox, of the Freeman, also Mr. Clarence Steward of the Recorder, and other well Known Indianapolis press repersentatives. To much credit can oot be given Manager Tim E. Owsley in the way he has struggled to bring about such a change in the Crown Garden. And his employers tell me he is the right man in the right place. After being surprised at the beauty of the house we were given another surprise in the show offered for our approval.

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Leon.

The boy magician opened the evening entertainment with comedy magic, some fun too. He kept the audience in a continuous uproar, with funny soyings and mystifying tricks. His stunt of burning the Mayor's five dollar bill set the audience wild. But in his mystifying way he quickly replaced it. Mr. Leon unlike other magicians, is not tiresome And the audience would have stood for fully fifteen minutes more of his work if he had been allowed to perform.

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The Wilson Trio.

A high class singing act is a feature within it's self. Their personal looks and stage wardrobe is a feature with out singing, yet they sing and beyond a doubt it has been many moons since Indianapolis has had the chance to witness an act like the Wilson Trio. Their songs are well fitted to their voices and one sits as if in a dream, only to awaken when the singer has finished. They were forced to acknowledge several bows, the audience would have had them sing all night if time would have permitted.

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Peat and Hayes.

Fun is the least thing I can say about this act. Mr. Peat is a comedian with a style all his own and his song "Beans" made one laugh himself sick without waiting to hear or see more. And there is more and some more. And Mr. Peat Knows how to hand out more in a way to make you want more. The female member of the team Miss Hayes inher stylish and graceful ways caught the audience from the go. Her song "You'll Miss Your Loving Baby" was a decided hit. Her personal charms with her ability makes this act a clean big hit. Peat and Hayes have stormed Indianapolis in an amusement way. Peat and Hayes should be a hit on any bill, because a man could not live and not laugh while they are working.

ED F. PEAT.

MISS ELLA HAYS.

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Original Rags, The Extemporaneous Singer.

The man who appears in street costumes without any make-up. Stopped the show. He tells funny stories and makes the people laugh then he sings a funny song and makes the people scream. Mr. Rags' works is that of an artist, he knows how and does deliver the goods. Rags is a funny name. But Rags is a fuuny man. As well as an artistic one.

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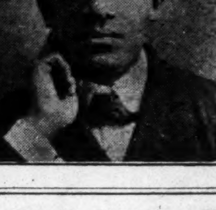
Warfield and Campbell, Favorites of Old.

Like wine they improve with age, Mr. Campbell the same little funny man. Mr. Warfield the same dancing king. When this act made its appearance the audience applauded and the boys were forced to bow before they could go on with their act. As usual they proved to be as clever as before. Sending the audience out with a feeling to return before the weeks ends. Thus ended a vaudeville bill which pleased all. For I heard nothing but praise from all whowere around me. The orchestra played its part in the opening under the direction of W. A. Kelly gave the audience such music as they liked. The orchestra has five pieces, W. A. Kelly, violinist, Dan L. Wilson, pianistfi Frank Clay, cornet, Cal Jones, trambone, Guy Truly, traps.

The Crown Garden as it stands under the management of Tim E. Owsley, has got 'em.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC



CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

J. Leubrie Hill Moves From the Alhambra and Opens at the Pekin.

"My Friend From Dixie" made its first appearance at Motts Pekin theatre last Monday evening to a good sized audience. The balcony was full and the company was received with great enthusiasm and it was evident from this that the audience would increase during the week's engagement. J. Leubrie Hill, as Mandy Lee again established his record as an original star. Sam Gaines was a grand old man, Richard Shelton and Will Brown, who are the youngest pocket editions of Williams and Walkerism, were clever enough to be generously received. Evon Robinson sang and danced in a lively manner, Blanche Kelly is the best musical comedy prima donna we have heard this season. Adele Johnson, Marie Banks, Mabel Murray, Lillian Bradford, Marie Wayne, Mr. Tiny Ray and others were bright lights in the cast and the chorus and ensembles as a whole were most excellent, on a stage entirely too small for the production. James J. Vaughn played and conducted with wonderful ingenuity. Managers Clarence Logan and Palmer Kellogg did some tall hustling to get the show advertised for the Pekin at such short notice and deserve credit. The company is to open at the Howard theatre in Washington D. C., next week.

An Entirely New Bill at the New Grand.

Craig and Williams two very clever original comedians were the best thing on the bill for the first half of the week. Emil Subers, a minstrel monologue artist was a close second, who demontrated his cleverness. Claude Adams, in "His Last Offense" was a good dramatic picture except that its story in shielding a criminal is one of the errors of playwrights. Bradley's opera people in "Bohemia" and Schoen's "Fun in a School Room" completed the bill. "The Watermelon Trust" and the only colored act on the bill, of last half of last week took immensely. The Flint-Fairfax company, Flynn & McLaughlin, La Marr Quartett and Stross and Becker were the rest of the entertainers. "The Full Value,, was among the novel pictures.

A New Variety Act at the Monogram.

Kelly and Davis held over in a new act which gave much pleasure throughout. Mullen and Withers, two western musical artists made their first appearance at this house and made a good impression by giving general satisfaction. Chief among the duet numbers was the sextett from "Lucia" ployed on caxaphones. The Cunninghams, a white team, managed to hold their own by keeping busy. Miss May McCray "made good" as a dancer. The moving pictures were well liked.

Recital and Dance at Oakland Music Hall.

George R. Garner, Jr., appeared at Oakland Music Hall in what might be termed a semi-classical recital, followed by a dancing program. Garner si a youngman who can well be praised for his energetic aspirations. His program was a light one. I listened attentively to the first batch of four numbers. "The Elking" by Schubert was sufficient to place him with baritone-tenors who have light voices but his method of execution is correct and a forecast of his vocal limit in taxation. His voice has pathos but of a dry pressure of vibration, is expressive, and carries sweetness. His sister, Marion E. Garner, hammered too heavy in this number, for a medium voice, in a heavy song. "To My First Love" was rather pretty, if he had given us an upper note in full rather than in falsetta. A Charles Elgar, who has slightly improved, but by no means as yet classed as a solo violinist, played "Souvenix de Lubeck" by Riecker with a lack of deviation, in tonal force or pressure in execution. Oakland is an echo hall and the hest of Garners program I have heard with more pleasure at Olivet.

High Grade Pictures at the Phoenix.

Manager Hammond who is always full of smiles sets a pace for pictures that few can understand in competition "A String of Pearls," "Spanish Revolt of 36" and "Willie the Hunter" were given Monday matinee and evening to full houses.

Merit Theater Captures the Colored Race.

If theatre's that are patronized by nearly all colored people are termed colored theatres, the Merit, all-picture house, has captured the race and Mr. Howson, a new young aspiring manager, is now introduced into the field and we are to welcome him on his present and future merits, as we do all others. "His good Intentions" and "The Deserter" were pictures that lined 'em up.

Chicago Stage Notes.

Shelton Brooks, the comedian and author of "There'll Come a Time," who has been very ill, has been out on crutches.

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Mrs. Birdie Elliott Butler has moved into the Ridgewood Apartment Building, 2728 Wabash avenue, suite 211-216, where she will be pleased to accommodate her friends.

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Walter R. Carter manager of the Carolina Jubilee Singers has bought out the "Wells" barber shop on Thirty-first street near State. His company which includes Silas Frazier, James R. Douglass, M. Oatley, Gertrude Radden, Bertha Wilson and Reggie Briscoe has just arrived into that city.

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Illa Vincent won from Charles Cutler in one hour a most vigerous match at the Pekin theatre last Friday evening. There were two preliminaries. The house was filled to its capacity.

Don Causby who has now fully recovered his health has joined with Benny A. Dunham, a comedian and composer. The team will appear at the Monogram theatre next week.

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There was a big ramble benefit given at the Monogram theatre Friday night April 19th for LeRoy Bland an actor who was recently shot in the thigh an dwhose fatality has unfortunately caused him to be a cripple. Those who appeared on the program were J. Louis Johnson, Warfield and Campbell, Fannie Wise, Hyde ParkHa ppy, a local dancer, Four London Smokes, Madaline Cooper, (Kinky Doo) Cubanola Trio, Charles Wilson, who made a hit single, Lizzie Hart Dorsey, Carolina Four and Leon Diggs, tenor. The affair was nicely managed by Mr. Irvin Miller. That the proprietor and Manager Klein have never failed to open the doors of the Monogram for benefits for actors is a thing that cannot be lost sight of. The orchestra was overworked, so we must publicly thank them for their services.

The Soul of Love.

The Savior is the soul of love,
 The kind of equality that's vast;
No being then can claim of such,
 If not the kind to stick and last.
The sensitive, the proud and false,
 Ashamed of love, will blush to tell
Of how faint hearts when crushed have found
 The soul of love has served them well.
The Weak, the lame, the sick, the blind,
 Are aided through the Lord above,
By willing hands and weary feet,
 Sent by the sainted soul of love.

—Sylvester Russell.

THE UNION THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

The bill this week is in keeping with the former high-class attractions. The audience shows appreciation and is attentive.

Dunham and Causby, a Negro and Indian act, is a pleasing number. Causby is a sort of straight, playing a splendid part as an Indian.

Rance Smith, comedian, is working single. He is of a different school of comedy. His eccentric dancing is his best feature.

Mills and Tansel is a standard team. Billy Mills is clever, versatile. Miss Tansel has a great big voice which could easily be fitted for great things.

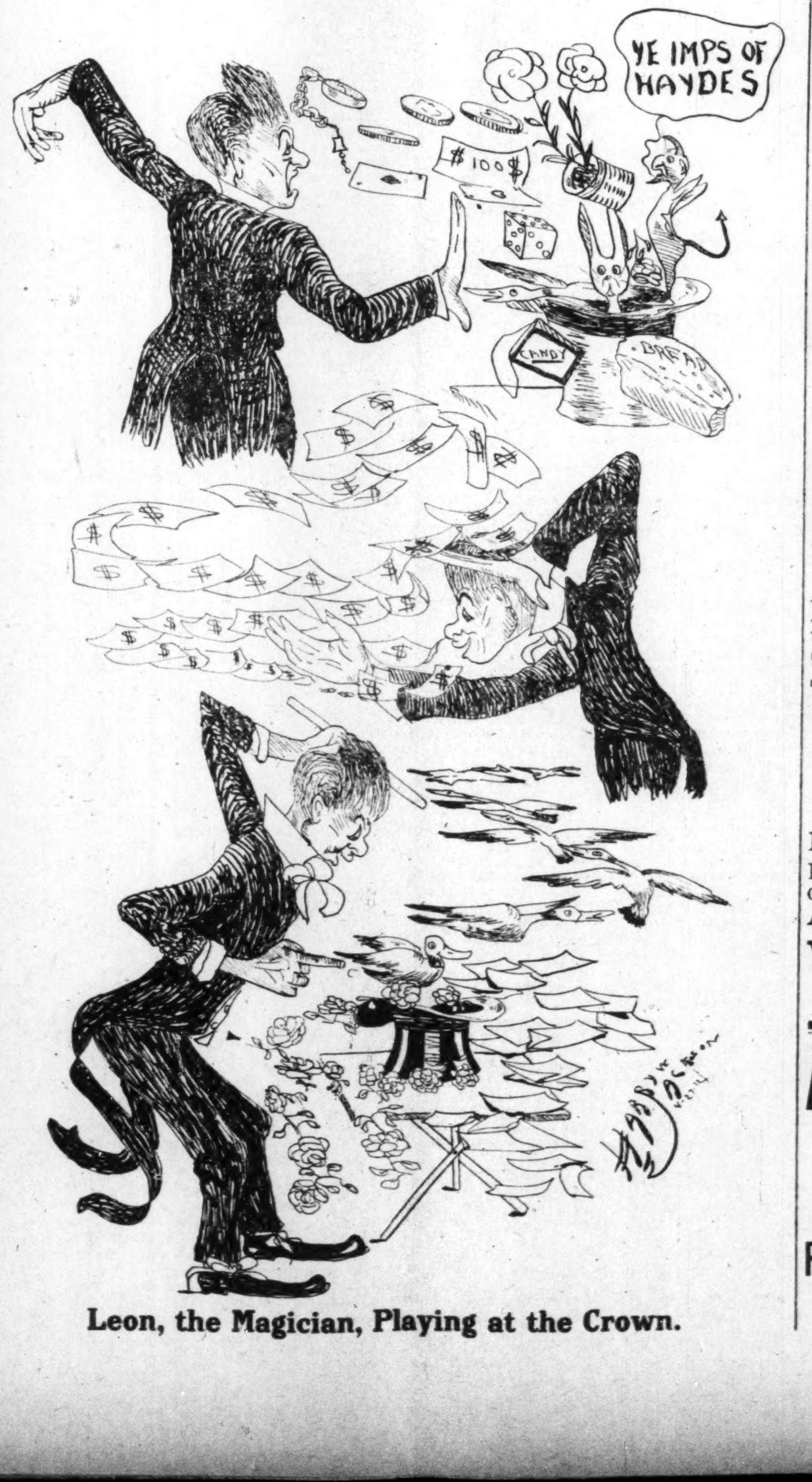
The Carolina Four are favorites here. Their act is considerably improved. The singing at times is of the best order.

THE OLIO, LOUISVILLE, KY.

By Jas. H. Price.

Green, Pugh and Green Trio, as holdovers, opened, and are to be commended for their versatility. Practically their third week in our city, and every act is thoroughly enjoyable. "Both of Us," a decided hit. Baby Seals and Baby Fisher are with us again, and are much improved and delightfully entertaining. They are living up to their reputation of the last few months. Seals features "Blues."

The Victoria Four was awarded the spot of honor on the bill, and richly deserves the same, and it rounds out the best program the house has had for a number of months. It is an eastern act and excites the highest praise and comment. The individual numbers are good, including "Baby Grand." The chorus numbers are "peaches." "Ragtime Violin" was a scream as a closing number. Too much cannot be said in favor of the members of this act, and any enterprising manager will do well to secure them. This is not an advertisement, but worthy praise for creditable work.



Leon, the Magician, Playing at the Crown.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

V. L. Ruben, grand lecturer of the Knights of Pythias of Mississippi, was a visitor to the Meridian K. of P. on April 16....Rev. T. L. Jordan has been carrying on a revival at El Bethel Baptist Church, the past few weeks. The church is being very much revived, and Rev. Jordan is preaching some able sermons.... Rev. Price, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, has just closed a very successful revival. About forty persons were added to the church....Rev. L. S. Lee preached an able sermon at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday night, April 14. He announced to the large congregation that on the third Sunday in April he would begin a revival meeting.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Philadelphia, Pa., week of April 29.

P. G. LOWERY AND COMPANY, WITH WALLACE-HAGENBECK CIRCUS—Charleston, W. Va., April 29; Huntington, 30; Athens, O., May 1; Parkersburg, W. Va., 2; Clarksburg, 3; Morgantown, 4.

PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS — Emporium, Va., April 29; Lawrenceville, 30; Boyton, May 1; Danville, 2; Chatham, 3; Lynchburg, 4.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE BAND AND ORCHESTRA—Lexington, Ky., April 29; Cincinnati, O., 30; Xenia, May 1; Dayton, 2; Indianapolis, Ind., 3, 4, 5.

SUNNY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Washington, N. C., April 29; Greenville, 30; Wilson, May 1.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Brown, W. H.
Beeman, Chicken
Benson, Otis
Boston, Shepard
The Bruces
DeLeo, B. F.
Dumas, H.
Elliott, E. J.
Foster, S. B.,
Gray, Prof. J. A.
Gilliam, Allie
Graham, P. G.
Hull, D. R.
Hoy, H. (telegram)
Hawk, Clarence E.
Hughes, Atrus
Herndon, C. L.
Hull, Dan
Johnson, W. M.
Jones, Wm.
Jackson, William
Kersand, Billy
Kraton, Harry.
The Jolly Hendersons
Motts, George
Mores, J. Francis
Moppin, Pearl.
Phillips, William
Pitt & Wescott
Parker, Alex N.
Peremound, Frank
Simmons, Cres
Stewart, Dink
Sutton, H. J.
Smith, James
Stewart, Richard.
Timmons, Willie
Trigg, Will
Thomas, Kid.
Thomas, W.
Wise, Hen.
Wallburg, Hamdy.
Waldon, O. W.
Wilson, Richard
Williams, J. H.
Williams, T. C.
Young, James B.
Young, Billy

Ladies' List.

Bostwick, Mrs. M.
Crampton, Mrs. Pauline
Fields, Mrs. Ethel
Glover, Miss Mattie
Harrison, Miss E.,
Johnston, Mrs. Beatrice
Marion, Miss Glenn
Moore, Miss Mazie
Moore, Mre. Eva,
Mason, Miss Lillian Brown
Singleton, Baby Doll
Smith, Ruby.
Simms, Bessie
Shaw, Miss Bell
Taylor, Mrs. Jennie.
Webb, Miss Ella
Wiggins, Mrs. Lena

Some of the acts seen at the houses in Indianapolis show signs of considerable wear. This is true of those coming from Chicago, and especially from those houses where the performers make an unusual number of appearances. Seven shows a day will take the vim out of the most determined. And that's what they do in Chicago—seven shows. Throats made too sensitive by overexertion take cold readily—and there you are. Hoarseness, worn out generally. What's to be done about it? Don't know. It is a fact, all right.

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

Mullins and Withers are at the Monogram Theater, Chicago, the week of the 22d.

The Russels, Joe and Armanda, are at the Majestic Theater, Rejina, Sask., this week.

The Arntes, Billy and Grace, are at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., this week.

Porter and Porter just closed two successful weeks at the Auditorium, Philadelphia, and opened at the Star Theater, Pittsbrugh, for an indefinite time.

McNeil and McNeil, John and Desdemona, just closed a successful engagement of six weeks at the new Grand Theater, Augusta, Ga. Mr. McNeil had charge of the stage.

Happy S. Lockhart, the singing, dancing and talking comedian, has just closed two successful weeks at the Imperial Theater, Jackson, Tenn., and opened at the Gem, Lexington, Ky., April 22.

Harry Chapman, white, ticket seller and announcer of Ringling Bros. Shows, was in Indianapolis Friday morning of last week. He is a great friend of P. G. Lowery, bandmaster, with the Wallace-Hagenbeck Shows. Having learned of the death of Mr. Lowery's brother, he came to The Freeman to express his regrets, so that Mr. Lowery might know the same through this publication.

Mr. Alex. Jackson arrived in the city Sunday, April 14, after having closed with Prof. Powell's band, en route with the "In Old Kentucky" Company. He left Sunday, April 21, with Prof. Pope, to open another season with the Ringling Bros. World's Greatest Shows, at Danville, Ill. Messrs. M. Lee Perry and Jess Baltimore, also members of the Ringling band, were pleasant callers at The Freeman office.

AT THE GLOBE THEATER, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The Globe Theater is holding its own, as will be noted by the following attractions for this week: Princess Rajah, Pankey and Cook, Butler and Sweet May, Brittan and Johnson, the two Weavers, the Wiggins Brothers, Tom Young, Elizabeth Clay, Ora Jackson. These are among the best in the country. Such a bill speaks well for the enterprising manager, Frank Crowd, and also for the prosperity of his house.

GREEN TRIO AT THE OLIO THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Green Trio opened at my theater April 1, furnishing one of the best acts ever seen here. Each member of the trio scored heavily, and know how to get their turns over to the best advantage. Master Pugh is the best juvenile performer on the Southern circuit, and his good work went big. James Green was a favorite with his song, "Everybody's Doing It Now." Mrs. Cora Green cleaned up with that "Mississippi Mooch." They are about the best that ever played my house. WM. HOGAN, Manager.

JOHN H. SPARK SHOWS PLAY TO PACKED TENTS, AT DURHAM, N. C.

Turner's Troubadours are making good this season with the John H. Spark's Shows Annex Band. Line-up for the band and minstrels: Alonzo Turner, solo cornet; Thomas Ramsey, cornet; Frank Moreland, baritone; Ernest Montague, trombone; Harvey McLoudy, trombone; William Blake, tuba; Clifford Peeler, snare drum; Frank J. Sims, bass drum; Mrs. Margaret Turner, soprano. Turner's Big Four Quartette, Blake, Sims, Turner and McLoudy, would like to hear from all the troupers.

12TH AVENUE THEATER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

We are playing to packed houses every night, and turning them away. We will have the grand opening of our new airdome April 22. It will seat 1,000 persons and will open with the Twelfth Avenue Stock Company, including Bradford and Bradford, Fowler and Fowler, Miss Mattie Ford, Artie Miller, Will Campbell and Baldy Moore. We have a six-piece orchestra. We intend to book all the best acts. The theater is equipped with hot and cold water, six nice dressing rooms, and, in fact, everything to make a performer happy. Regards to all friends.

AUGUSTA, GA.

The New Grand, the famous McKinnie street theater, is now under colored managers. Messrs. Joseph Evans and Samuel Cook are a great success in the theatrical world. It opened Monday, March 11, with a crowded house. Giving two shows nightly, so as to please the crowds. The stage is managed by the McNeils, who have made themselves famous in Augusta. The players are Edwards and Edwards, Miss Rosa Payne, Mabel Johnston, McNeil and McNeil. The McNeils left for Richmond, Va., Sunday, the 14th. At present the stage is under the management of Mr. Lewis Kenner, who is giving the crowds a good show nightly. Miss Williams starts the house in a whirlwind of applause. Miss Johnston is certainly going some as an impersonator, and Rosa Payne is all right as the Indian squaw. H. W. Simms, traps; Silas Elliott, cornetist; Ed Haywood, piano.

THE GREEN TRIO FAVORITES AT GEM THEATER, IN LEXINGTON, KY.

The Green Trio, appearing for the first time in this city, became overwhelming favorites from the start, and not without good reason, for every member of the trio is a capital performer and right on the job every second. Their act is a neat one, and is far from smut or anything at all that is in the least suggestive. James Green, as a straight man, leaves very little to be desired. His work is first-class in every respect and stands out in bold relief as compared to some which we have witnessed hereabouts. Cora Green both sings and dances well. Her song, "That Mississippi Mooch," is one of the big hits of the program. Master William Pugh, or "Bones," as he is sometimes called, makes an invaluable addition to the trio. His black-face work is, to say the least, excellent, and he is sure to improve greatly, as he is but a lad, and one of that sort that rapidly absorbs anything for his own advancement.

BABY F. SEALS AND THE MANAGERS.

We have played from Galveston, Tex., to New York, N. Y., and these people are princes, dukes and earls: First of all, take Lagman (Mobile), Jacoby (Pensacola), Frank Crowd (Jacksonville), Willie Still (Savannah), Joel (Atlanta), Klein (Chicago), Bundy (Philadelphia), Daily (Baltimore), Owsley, my dear old headquarters (Indianapolis), R. S. Bell (Lexington), Wm. Hogan (Louisville), A. H. Sparks (Chattanooga), Frenchie (New York), Chamberlain (Birmingham), Ollie Dempsey (Cincinnati), where you meet the boys, such as Frank Bennett (pianist), Russell Smith (cornetist), Eddie Brown (drummer) and Cal Brown, the little fellow that is the big noise, all good fellows. Last, but far from the least, Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman. These people I have worked for and dealt with, and found them as I said before. In Cincinnati we stopped with Mrs. Worthey, 623 Carlisle avenue, and she is a princess. At the Pekin Cafe, next to the theater, I found another—Dad Hennesson. Now, if you take this route, meet these people. They can do you good.

JOHNSON'S THEATORIUM, COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Theatorium presented six new faces when it opened Monday night, and the public is pleased very much with them.

Messrs. J. A. Lillard and George McClain's act was a scream from start to finish. Mr. Lillard's singing was highly appreciated, and Mr. McClain's singing and comedy went big.

Owens and Dangerfield were a scream, both getting several encores.

Miss Irene Tasker and Miss Ethel Castor, formerly of the Jolly John Larkins Company, are doing a neat sister act, with high-class singing and dancing.

Professor Bryant with his orchestra is making things hum. He is some pianist.

Mr. James Perry, a comedian, whose home in Pensacola, Fla., died in a local hospital a few days ago from double pneumonia. He had just finished a three weeks' engagement here. His death resulted in contracting a severe cold while with a carnival company. Interment took place here. Mr. A. S. Johnson bore the funeral expenses.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NOTES.

By Billy E. Jones.

Cook and Stevens are at the Miles Theater, Detroit, Mich.

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The Musical Spilelrs are at the Colonial Theater, New York.

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Madame Flower is at the Grand Opera House, Rutland, Vt.

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The Ten Dark Knights are at Poli's Theater, Hartford, Conn.

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Simms and Thompson are at the Gem Theater, Centerville, R. I.

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The Robison Trio are at Thornton's Theater, River Point, R. I.

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King and Gee are at the Court Square Theater, White Plains, N. Y.

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Jones and Grant are at the Orpheum Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., this week.

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The Hiawatha presents first-class moving pictures. Wm. Battles is pianist.

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Miller and Lyles are at the Savoy Theater, Atlantic City, scoring a big hit, this week.

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Coates and Jeffries are at the Lyric Theater, Beverly, Mass., scoring a big success.

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Miss Olive Billings, the well-known soprano soloist, was quietly married at Richmond, Va., last week.

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Miss Emma Butler, the laughing hit of vaudeville, some comedy lady, is now en route with the Black Patti show.

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Charlie Hugo's proposition to bring out a colored minstrel organization appears about to materialize into something good.

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At the West End Theater, Henry Smith, manager, Frank Montgomery and his Dixie Players are playing to crowded houses.

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Jolly John Larkins and Pearl open on the Western Vaudeville Association time this week, at the Majestic Theater, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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The Fairyland Theater, Washington, D. C., Frank Kearney, manager, has polite vaudeville and photo plays. Business is very good. Good acts. Send in for open time.

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Johnson and Dean are doing fine on the Rickards tour, and as a result have secured an extension. Johnson and Wells, now with Brenan, have also received a prolongation, owing to their success. The Johnsons are brothers.

RANCE SMITH,
Eccentric Singing, Talking and Dancing Artist

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

By S. Tutt Whitney.

What Is the Answer?

With the passing of the Ernest Hogan, Williams and Walker and Cole and Johnson companies, the musical comedy field for colored performers has been decidedly narrowed. At present there is not a colored company being booked in the first-class houses. Many white managers have declared they do not want the colored companies, and the booking exchanges manifest a distaste for booking colored shows. Only a few white men are willing to handle colored companies, and to these few we extend our gratitude.

The general public seems to derive as much enjoyment and entertainment from the singing, dancing and comedy of a good colored company as of yore. And there never was a time when so much first-class material was available for the making of colored musical compenies as the present time.

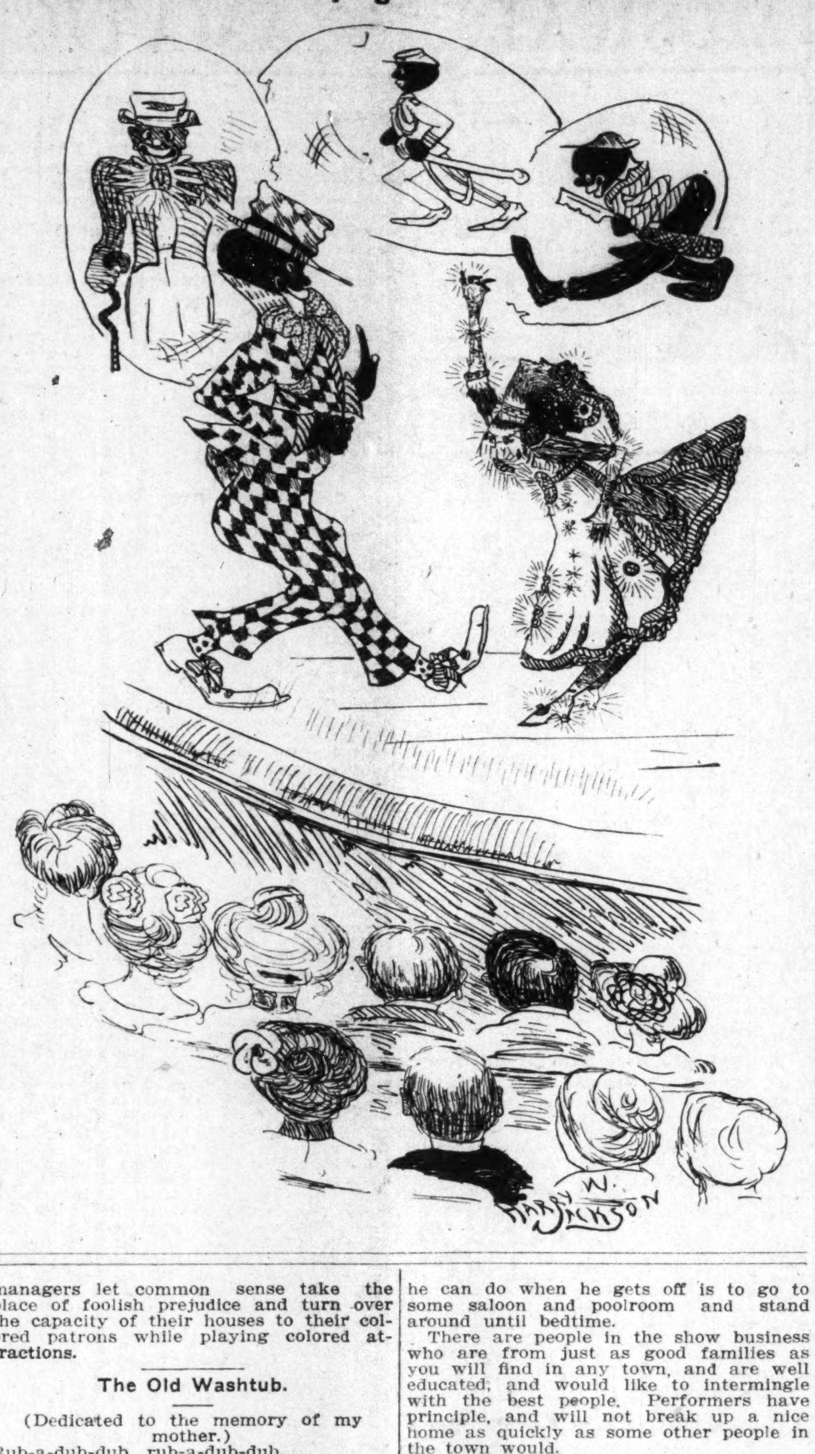
There are a score of competent colored musicians, composers and musical directors, men who are at present producing some of the best music heard in the first-class white musical comedy companies. Also a number of genuine comedians, hundreds of experienced boys and girls, available for chorus, who can sing and dance artistically, and many men and women who can act and talk intelligently.

The intelligence, morals and deportment of the colored companies compare equally with the white ones, consequently the colored companies are no harder to handle.

What is the answer? Is it the lack of intelligent, efficient, aggressive, diplomatic leadership? Is it the want of confidence that refuses the new material a chance to make good? Or is it just plain-everyday-born-in-the-bone race prejudice?

Unless one of the embryonic chains of colored theaters materializes, it seems that the South will eventually be the only field for colored shows. The South will be a lucrative field when the Southern managers let common sense take the place of foolish prejudice and turn over the capacity of their houses to their colored patrons while playing colored attractions.

Seals & Fisher Playing Before White Audiences.



The Old Washtub.

(Dedicated to the memory of my mother.)

Rub-a-dub-dub, rub-a-dub-dub,
From morning till night, in the old washtub;
With back that is aching, limbs tired and sore,
The hot sweat oozing from every pore,
Stands Mammy, with never a word of complaint,
With courage and fortitude worthy a saint.
"My boy must be clothed and sent to school;
Sha'n't nobody say I raised a fool."
So rub-a-dub-dub, rub-a-dub-dub,
Mammy stands and scrubs in the old washtub.

Rub-a-dub-dub, rub-a-dub-dub,
A familiar tune from the old washtub.
The artist who painted "The Man with the Hoe,"
With that look of soulless, hopeless woe,
Was an artist indeed; but I wonder if he
Could paint my Mammy's picture for me?
I'd have him paint her flushed and red,
The white steam a halo around her head;
I'd have him paint in her big brown eyes
The faith, hope and patience that never dies.
Then he should paint her kiss on my kinky pate,
And her "Hurry to school, son, don't be late;"
Paint her look of pride when back home I raced
And the first time her name on my slate I traced.
But how could he paint the hymn she'd hum
While keeping time with her washboard strum?

Rub-a-dub-dub, rub-a-dub-dub,
The plaintive tune of the old washtub.
You may talk of the man behind the gun
And write and sing of the deeds he's done,
But when history is writ of the Negro race
Our Mammies are bound to have first place—
First place in our history, home and heart,
For the Mammies gave the boys their start,
And the men march on to the rub-a-dub-dub
That their Mammies played in the old washtub.

—S. Tutt Whitney.

THE COLORED AUDIENCE.

The blame for smutty sayings and suggestive dancing in theaters lies with the patrons. There is no class to the vaudeville stage now, and it is getting worse every day. There are a great many acts doing things away out of their line in order to please the patrons and manager. When a performer meets another that has played the theater he intends playing the next week, he will ask how things are over there. This will be the answer: "Oh, they like a little smut, and things with a double meaning. If you don't put it on you can't make it there." He then says to himself, "I guess I'll have to frame up some junk for that bunch." He then lays aside his music for his regular opening, and when he gets to the theater for rehearsal he will say to the piano player, "When I come on, just play the 'Blues.'" He opens and starts singing in the wings, "I had a good gal, but the fool laid down and died," and to hear the audience scream one would think the show was closing with a very funny after-piece. When he gets off after the show the crowd is waiting to greet him. You will hear them say, "There's that guy; he sure can sing 'Dem Blues;'" "Did you see him take that 'trip?' Boy, he's a cat." Now, on that same bill were singers of such class as Abbie Mitchell (Mrs. Wm. Dorsey, Lizzie Hart), and no one says a word regarding their classy numbers; but just let a soubrette on the bill, that some comedian has taken from home, because she looked good to him, and showed her how to "fall off the log" and sing any old ragtime song, and she will receive a bunch of flowers and a few cards with prominent names of amusement lovers of the town. She then goes big all the week and gets a return date in the house in three weeks' time for a four weeks' run.

My advice to our ladies that can really sing is to keep off the stage if they can get an honest living otherwise, until the situation gets better. It is very hard for one to make good single now. The opportunities are not great on the big time and they are not appreciated on the small time. I have played many theaters where men come themselves, but would not dare bring their wives and children. A great many of the colored managers cater to only one class. I think if they would cater to all classes and demand nothing but up-to-date acts on the bill, and train the patrons the same way, it would do away with all of the vulgar things the performer has to do now to get by.

Again, it makes the performer a bad fellow in the sight of men in the audience. The latter do not want to invite him or her to their houses to visit their families, after seeing him do all of these things on the stage, for they don't think the man or woman that performs these movements has any principles. The best he can do when he gets off is to go to some saloon and poolroom and stand around until bedtime.

There are people in the show business who are from just as good families as you will find in any town, and are well educated, and would like to intermingle with the best people. Performers have principle, and will not break up a nice home as quickly as some other people in the town would.

Now, if the performers have all of this to contend with, they should be loyal to one another. There is as much prejudice among them as against them. I think we should get together and try to make the situation better in every respect. There are lots of performers that have gained the confidence of managers, and the managers will listen to what is told them. When you get a manager this way, tell him some things that will be of some benefit to the actors. It only makes the road harder if you tell him otherwise. Most of the colored managers now are in tehir infancy, and really don't know what will please the people. He would treat a performer right if he had the experience with them to know how. Before opening at his theater he probably had the same opinion of them that the good people of the town have now where colored theaters are operated. The performer stands a poor chance to get respect from any one. All I can say is, respect yourself first, then you can demand respect from every one. Show the manager that you have principle, and he will think more of you, treat you better, and won't say bad things about you when you are gone.

The Carter Trio are now playing the Olio Theater, Louisville, Ky., and this manager is a very nice gentleman, but must have had lots of trouble with performers, for in the dressing rooms are more rules printed than I ever saw in a hotel—rules that are really very good—against fighting, intoxication, etc. Had he not had these troubles with some of them he would not have those signs up. People in the show business that have it to heart, expect their living out of it, and do not need any one to force them to do that which is right. I heard a colored manager say last week that the colored acts are all just the same; when you see one you see all; none of them could do anything but sing and dance. I said to him, "When the colored audiences get so they will stand for anything else, we have colored actors that are capable of giving them the real goods."

We have in the colored profession men and women that can play from plantation to grand opera. What we want is the audience to call for it. When I was a boy people went to the theaters to get style and grace. Now it is very often a disgrace to see some of the things performed on the stage. There are young girls and boys attending these theaters, and when they see some of these things on the stage it has a tendency to lead them away from home. What we want is elevation, no difference what our profession in life. We can conduct ourselves as ladies and gentlemen. It is much nicer to leave a place with a clean record, so that when you return nothing but good things can be said.

I hope my readers will enjoy this plain, common-sense talk, and let us all aspire to do good to ourselves and our fellowmen.

PAUL CARTER,
of the Carter Trio.

FRANK HENDON INFORMS STAGE-STRUCK GIRLS.

Dear Hendon:

That noise about a chain of colored theaters is getting louder and louder every day. Gracious me! I'm so glad the colored people are going to have a circuit of their own. Then some more of the young producers will be able to frontward themselves. Now, Hendon, if you will pardon my saying so, I'll tell you that I'm a much better information vault than you will ever be, and I don't think you are the only fertile spot in the profession because your grammar is bad. Though you be the one great master of slanguage, I have a play that will make Jesse Shipp stand up and take notice. Do you follow me, kid? This play will make J. Leubrie Hill turn green with envy, and you know that's going some, to make a broad-minded fellow like Hill envious. If I ever put this play on in one of the Chicago theaters I'll invite the wise ones to come out and see it. Miller and Tyler shall have a box. Did you get that, you ham? Give those few remarks a chance to digest, for I'm going to tell you that I'm a progressive, but have in my possession a play that you would probably call unprogressive, simply for the reason that a crap game is the main feature in the great play. I have turned it over to John Goodloe and he purchased his way into Jack Johnson's confidence. You see, Jack will put up the cash, and that's what we need. Goodloe said he thought he would call the play "Game," as you know I said a crap game was the main feature. I bet two dollars and fifty cents that they would never stage the play; they came up with two fifty that they would. Now, if they put this wonderful play on, will I get any credit, cash, or am I out of it?—Dramatical Dram.

Answer:

Dear Dram—You say you bet two dollars and fifty cents, and they covered it? You know that's five up. Making it a little plainer, or in other words, handing it to you in special courses, I'll call your attention to the fact that you gave the play to Mr. John Goodloe. Goodloe got Jack Johnson to back him, and the play is to be called "Game." I am forced to the conclusion that you have a case of "Goodloe gift, Jack and the game," and you are out. I don't know who suggested the proposition so kindly permit yours faithfully to ask, Whose deal is it?

A certain stage-struck girl asked me to help her get booked for some amateur performance. I said, "Lady, why don't you get booked on some of the small circuits?" She said, "I can't do anything other than sing and dance." "That's all you'll have to do," I whispered. Then she uttered:

"All you have to know
Is how to dance and sing.
I'm qualified, and so
My hat is in the ring.
I know I'm a scream—
Rip. bang, bing.
And this ain't no dream;
My hat is in the ring."

Among the latest frigid discoveries are the south pole and that "Dawg" song. Bow! Wow! Wow! Did you hear Baby F. Seals' parody on that "Dawg" song? Here goes:

"All up here on the northern ground,
Folks keep kicking the southern towns.
Makes no difference if dey is way down,
They gotter quit kicking the southern towns."

And they say Baby will tour the country singing that "dod-rotted dawg dope." Seals should be careful about his songs; but as to touring the country, he auto, because he is from Mobile.

Yours carefully was in Pittsburgh the other day. Stopped in one of the barber shops to get shaved, and, as usual, there was a lot of barber shop prattle going on. I sat there patiently and listened to the buzzing of the "would-bes" until they started talking about performers. You kno wa conversation about performers can raise more disturbance in a barber shop than a mouse could at a suffragette convention. One guy said he was Sylvester Russell's brother, Irwin Jones' cousin, Will Dorsey's second cousin, Ollie Denpsley's step-brother and Bert Williams' second step-nephew-in-law. Right then and there I hushed him up. I said, "See here, young fellow, I'm a performer, and I know all the boys you've just called off. I am going to Chicago and ask that fellow Sylvester Russell to get me a few engagements. I know I'm funny, and I don't see why he doesn't get a few engagements for me." Right there he said, "I'll go over with you, and when Russell pipes me with you he'll think there is class to you." "Yes," said I. "You go over and help me get booked, and I'll help you bluff him out of some money. You know he's got some coming real soon; and what ever king of kin you are to him entitles you to some of it. Ask him for it first, and if he doesn't hand it over, we will bluff it out of him." For the first time while I was talking to this guy, he dropped his eyes, and then parodied a used-to-be-popular song thusly:

"My great big brudder Sylves
Is known north, east, south and west;
Good critic, and done stood the test,
He's considered the best.

Sometimes he speak sorter rough,
'Cause he's made out of pig-iron and stuff.
It would take a whole regiment to bluff
My brudder Sylves."

GLOBE THEATER—JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The Globe bears the name of being one of the most prosperous vaudeville houses in the South; and the S. R. O. sign is the genera lrule.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. E. T. Mikell, is one of the best in the country, barring none.

The bill for the week of April 8 was a very strong one. The Two Weavers and Wiggins and Wiggins were the newcomers; the Weavers for their first time.

The big olio was as follows: The Two Weavers in comedy sketch, which went fine; Miss Ora Jackson; Tom Young, who has also been here for several weeks; Johnson and Britton, in a singing and dancing skit (they always get theirs, too); Pankey and Cook, in a high-class singing act, such as is seldom seen in a southern vaudeville house; Wiggins and Wiggins, who closed the olio. The audience went away screaming after responding to several encores.

The bill for the week of April 15 proved equally as strong as the preceding week. Miss Susie Sutton was the only new face. Pankey and Cook closed their engagement here.

"Dr. Bill from Louisville" was the big act, put on by Mr. Butler May ("String Beans"), in two acts, which proved to be highly enjoyable and something out of the ordinary—a regular musical comedy of songs and music by Professor Mikell and Messrs. May and J. J. Weaver. Originality throughout the entire show was everywhere seen. The show got 'em, that's all.

The olio was: Miss Susie Sutton, in song and rapid-fire monologue (as usual, she got hers); the Two Weavers, in an Indian act which proved to be different from all the rest (Mrs. Weaver is certainly some Indian squaw with Indian costumes, while Mr. Weaver kept the audience in hysterics with his comedy); Wiggins and Wiggins, who closed the olio and had the audience roaring with their educated feet; and they don't only dance, they do some singing. Tom Young worked between the acts; and when he got through singing "The Blues," he had to hoist an umbrella to keep the money from raining on him.

Packed houses was the order of the week as usual.

From the smile Mr. Frank Crowd, owner and manager, wears, he is well pleased with his present bunch and the general condition of affairs.

The show for next week, which is being staged by Princess Rajah, looks like a hummer.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH

Cairo Giants, of Cairo, Ill., open the season May 5 with Duquoin, Ill. Willing to meet first-class teams. P. Head, 22½ Thirtieth street.

Tommy Burns, Jack Johnson's old opponent for the championship honor, will have charge of Jim Flynn's training camp. He is supposed to coach the would-be champion on Johnson's mode of fighting.

The Jeff Cubs, Jeffersonville, Ind., have a record of playing twenty games last season and losing four. The West Baden Sprudels, the Louisville Tigers, the Tri-City Giants and the Jeffersonville Stars were the victors. Jesse Shelton, 725 Missouri avenue, Jeffersonville, Ind., is assistant secretary.

Tommy Coleman, the clever colored fighter of Philadelphia, won another battle in the vicinity of New York by stopping Billy Lewis, of Newark, in the eighth round of a ten-round go at the Sharkey A. C. Lewis was no match for Coleman, who punched him all around the ring from the fourth round to the finish. Lewis outweighed Coleman by fully ten pounds, but this big handicap did not stop Coleman.

At West Baden, Ind., April 14, the West Baden Sprudels opened the season before the largest crowd that ever saw a ball game there. J. E. Callahan, of Chicago, tossed the first ball on the home lot. The Plutos won the game after a hard, exciting battle. Bad base running lost the home team the game. The score: Sprudels, 3; Plutos, 4. Batteries—Desmukes, McMurray; Norman, Tenny. Umpire—Welsh.

Marlin, the New York pitcher, says: "The social side of the training trip consists of kicking about the grub, singing songs at night, and listening to the same old stories that creep out of the bushes on crutches year after year. Last spring the food got so bad that some of the newspaper men fixed up a fake story they said they were going to send to New York and displayed it to the proprietor, and he came through with beefsteak for three nights in succession, thus establishing a record and showing the power of the press."

"My hat is not in the ring. If it is I've got it nailed to the floor, with a brick under it." This was Jim Jeffries' joking remark when shown a dispatch from San Francisco to the effect that he had promised James W. Coffroth to re-enter the ring. "I have money in the bank, the hens are all laying, and my digestion is great. Why should I mix up in the boxing game again? I'm through with it all, I tell you," Jeff continued. "Coffroth must be dreaming, to float a story like that. I said nothing to him that he could construe as willingness on my part to fight again. I have no intention of ever putting on another set of gloves."

When Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, was arrested at Evanston, Ill., recently, for violation of the automobile speed laws, he did not have a dollar with him to deposit for bond fees with Justice Boyer. "I haven't that much money on me," said Johnson, "but I can write you a personal check." "That's all right, Jack," replied the justice. "I'll trust you until Thursday, the date for your hearing on this charge." Johnson was driving with his wife when arrested. Both he and Mrs. Johnson protested at being taken to the police station. The champion fighter attempted to arrange the matter with the motorcycle patrolman who arrested him, but without success.

Gunboat Smith went all the way from California to New York to have it proved to him that he is not the best bet on the horizon of white hopes. His manager, Jim Buckley, says he has found "the man" to take the championship from Johnson. Buckley saw Smith in action in San Francisco, and immediately bought two tickets for the big town. Since Smith arrived he has boxed twice and has won both bouts by knockouts in the third round. The victims were Battling Brooks and George Appel. Since March 17, 1908, Smith has boxed in thirty-two bouts and has won twenty-one by knockouts, eight on points and in the remainder the verdict was a draw. He lost one to Jim Barry, of Chicago, in ten rounds.

JOE JEANNETTE TAUNTS JOHNSON TO FIGHT HIM

Bets $5,000 He Will Stop Him in Twenty Rounds.

NEW YORK.—Joe Jeannette forces Jack Johnson into a very difficult position for the heavyweight champion to escape from, in a letter in which he says:

"For the past year both my manager and myself have tried to obtain a contest with Jack Johnson. We have repeatedly sent him challenges, all of which he has ignored. This moving picture champion, who by a lucky break at Reno became the world's champion, now refuses to defend that title. I hereby defy him to meet me. I further add that this refusal to fight me is due to cowardice. He knows that he will lose his title if he ever meets either Langford or myself. He is now stalling about meeting Langford, but really wants to pick on Jim Flynn or Al Palzer, and he knows right well that Palzer is a novice, but these are the kind of men he would fight.

"I have whipped him decisively several times in Philadelphia, and he deliberately quit me in one contest over there. I say 'quit,' because when I had him bad he maliciously fouled me to save himself from defeat. He has been offered $10,000 to box me six rounds in Philadelphia and $10,000 to fight me ten rounds in this city, but both these offers he has ignored. If he can get up enough courage to box me twenty rounds, I will bet him $5,000 that I will stop him. I will not say 'knock him out,' for he has not enough courage to stand up and fight and be knocked out.

"I sail for Europe soon and will return on the next ship if Johnson has enough nerve to accept my defy. I know that I can beat him, and I know that the public would like to see the title change hands. Now, Mr. Johnson, are you a fighter or a four-flusher? Your answer to this letter will decide the question."

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WORLD FAMOUS CUBAN GIANTS.

North Bergen, N. J.

Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Dear Sir—I send you a few lines concerning the World Famous Cuban Giants for the coming season. First, I am happy to state that after an illness lasting from the 4th of June to about two weeks ago I am now feeling fine, and am daily at my desk, booking games for the coming season. I am now at work on a big Western trip through all the large cities, and expect to be away from New York City the entire season, arriving back in New York for Sunday, September 29, when we expect to play a big series with the Lincoln Giants for the colored championship. When away from New York we will play ten Sundays in Buffalo and four in Rochester. Can make room for a few good, steady ball players, at moderate salary and expenses paid. Season starts June 3, ends September 29.

JOHN M. BRIGHT,
World's Famous Cuban Giants.

BIG BASEBALL DAYS AHEAD.

Barrick Park, Evansville, Ind., Alive with Enthusaism.

Mr. Al Barrick, a white man and the manager of the Pottery diamond, has made it possible for the colored people of Evansville to have some field sport, and that his generous hospitality is thoroughly appreciated is evidenced Sunday after Sunday, when hundreds of fans of ebony hue, sandwiched here and there by white brethren, who do not hold any strong anti-race prejudice, gather at the Barrick Park and cheer their favorites to victory.

The Heilman Stars, who are practically owned by Eli Berry, the leader in Republican politics in the Seventh ward, and who are under the immediate direction of William Morris (Butch), have had absolute sway so far in the control of the park. They played their opening game Easter Sunday and won out by a score of 9 to 5 against the Goldblumes, a fast white team.

Sunday, April 14, they played the second game of the season with the colored boys from Owensboro, Ky.

The Colonels were under the management of a colored gentleman, also from Kentucky, by the name of Mr. Leroy Wigfall. He boasted of the ability of his men as ball players, and the youngsters did show some pepper in their practice. But when Mr. Perkins, the umpire, and the ardent adherent of the square deal policy, called "play ball," they showed their yellow streaks. Mr. Henry Moorman, the seventeen-year-old wonder from Owensboro, was on the firing line for the Kentuckians, and received a clouting that he will not soon forget. McGill, Morris, Campbell, Johnson, Jones and Blue Johns slammed the sphere out at will, and many of the six hundred fans expressed sympathy for the fielders, who were kept on the jump from start to finish. It was one of the most farcical exhibitions of ball playing that has been seen upon the Pottery diamonds for years. There was fun and amusement galore. The way the balls went between the legs of the infields and jumped out of the hands of the outfielders caused many minds to revert to the "catch-the-greasy-hog" melee, so popular in Kentucky.

Summarily we will say when the din of the little comedy had cleared away the score was found to be as follows:

Owensboro ....0 1 1 4 0 1 0 0 0— 7
Heilman Stars....1 2 2 3 3 8 6 1 *—26

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

W. D. A., Chicago: What is the address of R. M. R. Nelson, immigration agent to Cuba?

Lista, Habana, Cuba, is the way his card reads.

* * *

J. S. R., New York: Did Joe Gans own the Goldfield Hotel, Baltimore, when he died?

Think he did. His wife who recently married again, makes it her home.

What is Bert Williams' present salary?

Not so sure. It has been quoted all the way from $500 to $1,200 per week. Our judgment is that he receives something like $500 per week. We have given narratives of colored jockeys several times. Too long to reproduce here—some other time will reprint.

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Constant Reader—What have you to say on immigration to Liberia?

It's too long a story. In brief, we will say that the country needs help by way of numbers, but from the right kind of Negroes. This right kind is very well contented in America, viewing the country as their home for all time to come. The wrong kind of Negroes would simply be amenace, helping only to keep the country at its even pace of mediocrity.

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A. B. C.: Name the bishops of A. M. E. church that have died this quadrennial?

Bishops Abram Grant, E. W. Lampton, James A. Handy, and W. J. Gaines.

WHAT TOMMY BURNS SAID AFTER LESTER FOUGHT M'VEY

"Truth" heard Tommy Burns express his opinion after the slaughter. He said what he knew before the fight "Lester was too light, small, and inexperienced." The cove who also knows what it's like to be slaughtered by a coon said that he spent over a hundred dollars in cables from the States to try and prevent Lester from having his first fight with McVey in Sydney. He did not see the mill, but he says that Lester told him that he liked his chance in another bout of ten rounds, and that was why the match was made.

HEAVYWEIGHTS MATCHED.

Langford and Jeannette to Box Twenty Rounds at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES.—Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette, it is announced, have been matched for the last week in July, by Promoter McCarey, of the Pacific Athletic Club. The two Negroes will fight twenty rounds at catch weights. The terms upon which the match was made are not made public, but it is understood that the men will meet on a percentage basis.

The Crisis is on sale at the Eureka Drug Store.

THE BIG FIGHT PROGRAM.

Time, July 4—Place, Las Vegas, N. M.—Jeanette and Langford Now On the Champ's Eligible List—Baseball Season a Little Draggish.

By Billy Lewis.

The festival day of the nation is again chosen as the time when the pugilistic representative of the white race will again try to wrest the trophy from Jack Johnson. Considerable interest will center in the fight from now on, but nothing like it would be if Jim Flynn had a reasonable chance for winning. Of course, he has a possible chance, but I take it that he will figure in the betting anywhere from 1 to 2 up to 1 to 20, proving the public opinion of his chance. Since the thing has been partisanized, made a racial matter, Flynn does the right thing from his viewpoint in meeting Johnson. He is conceded to be the very best man of the "white hopes;" so what else is there to do except to trot him out? The white race claims supremacy in everything—the boast of a thousand years. Keeping that in mind, it would not do to see the coveted distinction of physical efficiency go by default—without contest. It is clearly up to Flynn or some other best representative to make the effort, even if failure results.

"Better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all."

This stands for a principle that operates both in love and war. Nobility comes as often of the attempt, albeit failure follows, as it does of success. "Thermopylae" and "The Charge of the Light Brigade" are with us, while the conquerors are writ nowhere in history, one might say.

This sounds a plea for the white man's side. Well, we can afford to be charitable. The victorious can afford to be charitable to the vanquished, foe that maintained the "everlasting" front. Physical might does not outweigh the courage of souls.

But to the fight. The 4th of July has been selected, bringing to remembrance another 4th of July. Let us see; it was some two years ago when Jim met Jack at Reno and fought a fight that has become a classic. And sometimes one will think such events are absolutely necessary, having in mind letters, physical science, and art, in a way. Writers at such times pour forth a torrent of eloquence which has risen in them as time moved, and which must out, as submerged founts of water burts their prison bonds. Nothing is reserved; no speech or figure is too extravagant; no praise too elaborate for the hero; no balm too soothing or denunciation too scathing for the defeated. Personal bravery is the "chef de ouvre," the "piece de resistance," among the exhibitions of men. From New York to Reno was the far cry, but it was heard, and men repsonded. The last dollar was lost often enough in backing the favorites. Great conventions of parties are tame in comparison, and yet they stand next as things of excitement; and then our circuses. But in conventions very often the individual is buoyed up by his present job or future hopes. The railroad fare is very often contributed to the delegate; he is at no personal loss; he runs no risks. The circus is brought to your very door. A fanfare is seen in the streets, with the dear old caliope, the well-known rear attraction, and which, to some, is worth more than the whole parade besides. The entrance fee is small; so it is no trouble to see that delight. But the roped arena—ah! the roped arena—that's the time. The train whirring from New York to Reno costs a precious penny; $50 bills, $100 bills, are flipped out as if they were 5 and 10-cent pieces. No thought is taken of the price. Anything to get to the arena. Why shouldn't men write as if they were divinely inspired?

On the nation's birthday, at Las Vegas, N. M., according to program, Jack Johnson will be again called to show reason why he should not pass his title and credentials as champion heavyweight of the world to Jim Flynn, representative of the white race. It is said that the fight will be a go, since that locality, 20 to 1, stands for the fight. Las Vegas is wise enough. While such happenings may bring a little undesired notoriety, yet there follows such a flow of gold that the wounded consciences are made whole, and then some.

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I have said through these columns that Sam Langford is on Jack Johnson's eligible list. It appears that Joe Jeannette has also been making some successful noise as a candidate for the big job. Along the same line one sport writer recently had as follows:

"Jack Johnson will not be allowed much peace for the next few months, and the Negro champion will very likely have to 'fig or get off the dock,' to use an expression of the longshoreman. Dan McKetrick, manager of Joe Jeannette, one of the most aggressive hustlers who ever handled a fighter in this country, has started on the trail of the Texan, and he swears he will never let up till Johnson agrees to fight Jeannette or quits the ring for good. Considering the fact that Johnson has always beaten Jeanette about as he pleased, it might be thought that McKetrick was only talking for the sake of keeping his protege before the public; but he must be given credit for sincerity from the fact that he states his willingness to arrange a fight with Johnson on any terms the latter may suggest, either for a limited round contest or a finish fight. McKetrick bases his desire for a match with the Negro champion on the idea that, while Jeannette has greatly improved in his boxing in the last year or two, in addition to having gained considerable weight, he feels certain that Johnson is not the man he was when he last boxed the New York Negro. A match between Johnson and Jeannette for either six or ten rounds would make an attractive card for any Eastern promoter, while a long contest on the Pacific coast would be attractive to any of the clubs out there. In addition to having to reckon with McKetrick and Jeannette, Johnson will also soon have another active and obnoxious pursuer on his track in the person of Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford. Langford has recently beaten Sam McVey in Australia, and will be back in America shortly, and will then start after Johnson, claiming that his victory over McVey will give him the right to claim a chance for a fight for the heavyweight championship, a claim in which he will be supported by the sporting public. Woodman is just as aggressive a manager as McKetrick, and between the two of them they will make Johnson's life anything but a happy one till he either agrees to fight or gives up his title."

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Is it possible that the colored baseball players are going to lose their opportunity as ball men? The big games—that is, those by the big leagues—are all attractive, of absorbing interest, and all that, but the colored players have no part in the games. While this may be viewed as unfortunate, yet it is clearly an opportunity for the colored fellows to do some good things by way of associations and teams which, if properly managed, would mean very much to hundreds of our fellows who are fitted for such work.

Last season a few magnates started with a great hurrah, right with the season, promising all kinds of hopeful things. But as time wore away, there was nothing doing, as usual. The effort, in fact, was not so fruitful as that of the previous year. True enough, there has been heard a call for organization; perhaps more than one. But so far the response is feeble, if any at all. The work is hazardous, it must be admitted. A great outlay of money is necessary for proper parks and so forth, while the possibility of attendance is speculative. But nothing ventured, nothing gained, is the old saw, and fair enough. The thing is not wholly a game of chance. Method and work will bring results; whether justifiable, is another question. The chances are, however, in favor of success, with the proper effort.

The scheme of cities has been told over and over. They are near enough to keep down the big railroad fares. Kansas City, the two of them, St. Louis, Louisville, Paducah, Evansville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, West Baden, Chicago, is a favorite central circuit. Intervening cities there may yet be that would reduce the distance jumps. A route south, including a few of the cities named, together with Memphis, Nashville, on down to Atlanta, also including intervening cities, looks to be another prosperous route for baseball teams.

The prospective managers will have to get together and act as a whole, rather than any one trying to be proprietor of the whole business.

CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE GOES TO LAS VEGAS, N. M.

Johnson Preferred Paris—Legislature Is Willing.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Las Vegas, N. M., will be the place and July 4 the date of the Jim Flynn-Jack Johnson heavyweight championship battle. Formal announcement of this fact has been made by Jack Curley, promoter of the venture. Curley had until May 1 under the terms of the articles of agreement to name the site, but he thought he would not hold off longer, considering the fact that he had finished all preliminary arrangements with Las Vegas backers several days ago.

Las Vegas was first choice for the affair after Nevada backers fell down and the Western Pacific Railroad refused to furnish the money to build an arena.

Curley did not give the New Mexico city definite word until those behind the movement there had raised a large pot of money to defray the early expenses. The promoter was swayed toward the New Mexico city because of the easy access from Middle Western points. Also, Las Vegas backers took the matter of the $30,000 purse to be given Johnson off the hands of Curley.

Johnson Well Paid.

Other bidders for the battle that failed to connect were Salt Lake City, El Paso, Tex., for Juarez, Mexico; Elko, Nev.; Bassano, Alberta, and Paris, France. Johnson favored the Paris proposition, but Curley passed it by with hardly a notice, deeming it wise to stage the affair at home.

El Paso bidders were in the running until a few days ago, but they failed to raise the necessary money in time. Curley, in fact, gave the El Paso people until the 17th to provide means for staging the contest, but they could not give satisfactory inducements. Curley was afraid of the Juarez proposition, too, because of the unstable government.

Under the conditions of the match Johnson is to receive for his services the flat sum of $31,100, irrespective of the result of the contest. Eleven hundred dollars of this will be turned over to stakeholder Al Tearney, of this city, before May 1, this to go as Johnson's training expenses.

Jim Flynn is fighting under a percentage proposition of what is left after all expenses of the contest are paid out of the gate money. The Pueblo man will even pay his own training expenses.

Enormous Expense.

The expenses of staging the contest, including Johnson's financial end and the building of the arena, will total $65,000. Only two boxing "gates" ever have exceeded this sum. Therefore, Flynn is making the biggest sort of a gamble, practically facing the proposition of fighting the champion for nothing more than a chance at the heavyweight championship title, which he says he is absolutely confident of taking away from the present holder.

The men are to box to a finish under a catch-weight agreement, with five-ounce gloves. The referee is to be mutually agreed upon later.

The fact that the New Mexico legislature has been considering a bill which will legalize forty-five-round affairs in that State gave New Mexico the plum. Curley was advised yesterday that the New Mexico house had passed the measure, 29 to 17, and it needs but the sanction of the senate and the signature of the Governor now to become a law. Also the recent municipal election at Las Vegas was fought on the Johnson-Flynn affair, the faction for the battle winning out almost 20 to 1.

NATCHEZ DEFEATED BY GRIFFIN'S PETS.

The Griffin Pets, of Ferriday, La., defeated the Natchez Cubs in a swatfest Wednesday, April 17. The features of the game were a triple by H. Owen and doubles by James Owen, John Owen, two by Kenard, Haynes, Inland and Gaines, all of Griffin's Pets; and a triple by Spellman, and doubles by Frazier, Scott, Gitlon and Johnson, of the Cubs. The Griffin Pets left for a tour through the northern part of the state, meeting all comers.

Score:

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CITY AND VICINITY.

We will publish your news in this column. 'Phone it in—2880.

Mr. N. G. Walden, of Kokomo, Ind., was in the city last Monday on business.

Mrs. Susie Williams, of 531 North Senate avenue, is recovering from a severe illness.

Jennie Tanner visited Connersville, Ind., Sunday, April 21. She reports a pleasant time.

Miss Nora Cox, of 439 West Fifteenth street, is recovering from a severe case of pneumonia.

Master Noble Sissle, of Cleveland, O., will appear at Simpson Chapel Church, May 2, in a recital. He will speak and sing.

Mr. R. C. Chandler, of Birmingham, Ala., is now employed at the Hotel Claypool. He was highly entertained recently by his old friend, Mr. Lee Jackson, second waiter.

The First Baptist Church of North Indianapolis had its anniversary celebration all last week. Rev. J. H. Patton preached Thursday evening. Mr. Geo. L. Knox made an address.

The Woman's Civic League held a meeting at the Flanner Guild, Sunday, April 21. Papers were read by Mrs. Mary Cable, on "Higher Education," and by Miss Aida Harris. General discussion followed.

The painting by Mrs. William E. Scott, of Indianapolis, has been accepted in the spring exhibit of the Paris Salon. Mr. H. D. Tanner and Wm. E. Scott are the only Negro artists whose work has ever been exhibited at this salon.

Frank Stewart, whose home was at 812 Muskingum street, died at the City Hospital at 11:45 a. m., Friday, April 19. The funeral was held Monday, April 22, at 2 p. m., from the chapel of C. M. C. Willis' undertaking establishment.

It is said that the second annual charity ball given by the auxiliary for the benefit of the Lincoln Hospital will surpass the ball of last year, financially and socially. Out-of-town parties will be in attendance. Success in every way is assured.

The Missouri Club of the Second Christian Church will give an entertainment at Simpson Chapel on Friday evening, May 24. The program will consist of a dramatic sketch dealing with a vital question, followed by an oratorical contest. Special music will be rendered.

Rev. Dr. Bryant, superintendent of the Indiana district, has gone to Jeffersonville and Watson in the interest of his work. He will then go to Charlotte, N. C., as fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church. He will attend the M. E. Church General Conference at Minneapolis after his trip to Charlotte, N. C.

On Sunday afternoon, May 5, Mrs. Demarchus Brown will address a meeting at the Second Christian Church, under the auspices of the Missouri Club. She will have for her subject "The Answer to the Riddle." Special music by a boys' chorus will be a feature of the occasion. A silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the rally.

"An Hour on Camp Street" will be the subject of an entertainment to be given by the Missouri Club of the Second Christian Church, on Friday evening, May 10. A splendid program is being arranged, the participants being residents of Camp street. Miss Frances M. Berry and Dr. Robert F. Harper are the leaders of the club.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Civic Club, Mr. Charles Edward Russell, of New York, an eloquent speaker and writer, and one of the directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak Tuesday evening, May 14, at the Second Christian Church. Miss Mary White Ovington, secretary of the organization, and author of "Half a Man," will tell of the work of the organization, and Rev. Herrod will talk for the uplift of the race. The public is invited. No admission.

WIFE OF PRESIDING ELDER MORRIS LEWIS DEAD.

The death of Mrs. Morris Lewis, wife of the Rev. Morris Lewis, presiding elder of the Evansville district of the A. M. E. Church, occurred suddenly Monday evening from a stroke of apoplexy. Funeral services were held at Bethel Church at 1:30, Friday afternoon. She was prominent in church and social circles, having been a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church for twenty-eight years, and at the time of her death was serving as president of the Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society of that church. She also was a member of the Union Chapter No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, and of the Daughters of Charity. She leaves a husband, two sons, two sisters and a brother. The Rev. T. A. Smythe officiated. The burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Rev. J. L. Thompson, who was called to Mount Sterling, Ky., on the death of his mother, has returned to the city. He will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. Special music by the choir.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Plans are all in readiness for the great event of the season—the coming of the Tuskegee Band, Glee Club and Orchestra at Tomlinson Hall, on May 3. This splendid organization of over fifty people will arrive in Indianapolis on Friday, May 3, from Dayton, O., and will appear at Tomlinson Hall in a splendidly arranged program of vocal and instrumental music. The playing of the William Tell Overture and the singing by the Glee Club of forty voices are incidents of the program which will long remain in the memory of those who attend. The general price of admission is 25 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents. Seats are on sale at the Eureka Drug Store, Bennet's, McCoughtry's and Gaillard's tailoring establishments, H. L. Sanders' store and Geo. L. Knox's barber shop. Indianapolis citizens are expected to show their appreciation of a high-class musical organization by turning out, as the committee of management of the Y. M. C. A. has gone to a great deal of expense in bringing this large organization here. Special parties from many of the smaller towns are being arranged for. Noblesville and Franklin are both going to send large delegations. All who have heard the band are loud in their praises of their ability as musicians. Let Indianapolis do her part and demonstrate her love for high-class music by turning out.

The captains and workers in the late building campaign have again taken the field in a collection campaign, and are calling upon all those whose subscriptions are now due and asking that payment be made. The friends of the association are urged at this time, as never before, to make payments on their subscriptions, as the desire of the committee is to let the contracts, and this will not be done until a sufficient amount of money is in hand to warrant a continuing of the work when the contracts are once let.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lucy Ezell departed this life on Tuesday, April 16, and was buried on Thursday, April 18, at the Maplewood cemetery....Mr. Anderson Pointer, who had been ill for quite a while, died at his home Wednesday, April 17, and was buried Thursday, April 18....Mrs. Lizzie Moore, who had been quite ill with dropsy, died Sunday, April 21, at the home of her son, and the remains were taken to Kellum's Gap for burial....The Ladies' Ideal Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Daly Friday evening, April 19....Mrs. Gertrude Richardson and daughter, Miss Hallie Richardson, united with Campbell Chapel A. M. E. Church Sunday evening. The Mock conference having been in session for a few days, closed Monday night, April 22. Bishop A. Brooks read the appointments for the different churches, also the presiding elder....Rev. A. Brooks began his revival Tuesday night, April 23. Rev. A. J. James, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will also begin a revival on the 28th of April....Mr. Henry White, of Lewisburg, Tenn., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, on South Fourth street....Mr. Claude Meredith is now assisting in building the new railroad....Miss Mabel Jordan is on the sick list....Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sutton, Jr., spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Smith....Mr. Leonard Buchanan is still on the sick list....Mrs. O. B. Davis, having been ill for quite a while, is now able to be up again....Mr. Haywood Bailey spent last Sunday in Aspen Hill with his sister, Mrs. Annie Hester....Prof. N. C. Davis will make his departure Sunday on his summer tour....Mrs. Black and Mrs. Brown opened a first-class cafe on West Hemp street a few days ago. They have met with so much success that in a few months they are going to bestow the honor upon the city of a colored hotel; and Hemp street is the best location for such a place of business.

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Church and Society—City News in General.

By Anna E. Lenox.

Special to The Freeman.

The colored kindergarten, which opened here last fall, is doing nicely, but the teachers would like to have a few more children, to show the appreciation of such an addition to the colored schools....The many friends of Mrs. Ward Snorton Clemmons learned with regret that, after a lingering illness of five months from tuberculosis, she has passed to the great beyond, where sickness and sorrow shall be no more. A sister is lying very low at the same home, afflicted with the same dread disease....The old folks' concert given by Mrs. Mary Nicholas for the Btll Street Church was quite successful, and was quite different from most entertainments of the kind. It was more comical, being made up from funny newspaper illustrations. It would be a novel idea if some of the other churches or lodges would have her repeat it for them. ....The "Milkmaids' Convention" at the Evans Hall last Friday evening was a grand success, and quite a large attendance is reported....Don't forget the rally given at Bland Avenue Church Sunday, April 28, for the purpose of raising the debt on the church....There will also be a grand reception for the Bland Avenue Church pastor and his family May 10.... The juveniles of the Household of Ruth and Oddfellows organized last Saturday afternoon at their hall on Fourth street, with a large number of children. Meetings will be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month....Rev. W. H. Anderson preached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the "Tragedy of the Titanic." ....Mrs. Nannie Meus, 116 Line street, has returned home after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Morgantown....Mrs. Estella McPeters, of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived in our city last Friday to be the guest of Mrs. Mary C. Sterling, of Indianapolis, at the home of her parents on Bell street....Mrs. Elvira Roach entertained the missionary society of the McFarland Chapel last Thursday evening at her home on Walnut street. ....Mrs. Mamie Shaw arrived home this week after a few weeks' visit in Bowling Green, Ky....Mrs. Helen Mims, on West Indiana street, is seriously ill. She is a members of the Queen of Victoria Temple of the U. B. of F. and S. M. T....Little Miss May Lizzie Mack, of the West Side, was the guest of Little Irma Bell McFarland Saturday and Sunday....Mr. W. A. Gaines, our leading undertaker, spent Sunday in our city among his many acquaintances and friends, but returned to his revenue duties in Kentucky late Sunday evening....The Deborah Tabernacle has divided into clubs, and Club No. 1 was organized at the home of Mrs. Frances Lynch on Canal street last Friday evening, and was quite a success. The following officers were elected: Mrs. M. Porter, president; Mrs. Mamie Coffee, vice-president. Mrs. Willie McFarland, secretary; Mrs. Minerva Stone, treasurer. The club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Frances Lynch Friday evening....Robert Ferguson, son of one of the government school teachers, died Saturday morning of Pott's disease. Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral....Services at all the churches were largely attended Sunday....I would like to say for the convenience of the reporters and carriers, that customers please try to be as prompt with payments as possible, because the company must always have its money by Monday, and it puts me to a little disadvantage to keep straight if you delay your payments. ....As good Christian parents or guardians, I do really think we are doing a wrong by not making our children attend the different Sabbath schools. There are children, too numerous to mention, who can be seen straying over the town with no thought of church or Sabbath school, many of whom have never seen inside of a church. It is our duty to God to see that His will be done on earth. We can hear of the Sunday schools all over the city being poorly attended, and as many children as our city affords, there certainly ought to be better attendance. Parents, think of it! Stop and search yourselves, and see if you are right, and think if that is what God would have you do, when He has put the teachings here before you. Then, what are you to do? Send them on, and do your part as true and loving parents, and perhaps in the end the child will thank you, whether he or she continued to go in the way it was trained or not; it will be able to refer to it....Mrs. McFarland, of Rockport, Ind., was in the city Saturday to help organize the Oddfellow Juveniles, and was highly delighted over the meeting. Mrs. Addie Perry, of this city, made a grand lecture. There were forty-three children present.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

By J. F. Moxley, 626 Fourth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Porter celebrated their tenth year of married life at their home, 106 State street, April 15. Many friends were present to greet the devoted couple. Many beautiful tokens were presented, of value and usefulness. The guests were royally entertained....The coffee social at the Masonic Hall, on Main street, Monday night, was indeed a grand affair. The attendance was exceedingly larger than expected. The report has reached your correspondent stating that the guests were royally entertained....The Presbytery has been in session at the Presbyterian Church, on College street, this week. M. H. Mitchum, retiring moderator, called the Presbytery to order. J. E. Case, of Sugar Grove, Ky., was elected moderator for the next meeting; W. P. Johnson was elected secretary; W. E. Houston, assistant secretary. The next meeting will be held at Rochester, Ky., in September. The following were elected to the General Assembly: R. L. Hyde, Wm. Nelson, E. D. Broomfield, J. C. Casson. The literary exercises held in the afternoon were excellent.....Misses Willie Jackson and Daisy D. Boyd spent last Sunday in Auburn, Ky., with friends....Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Reid have returned home after a week's stay in Louisville, Ky., with relatives and friends of the city....Mrs. Mary Jones is sick at her residence on Fourth and Chestnut streets....A baby boy was born last Sunday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Charley Morton, on Center street.

MUNCIE, IND., NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The convention held in Muncie by the neighboring K. of P. lodges April 21 and 22 was a great success. A delightful ball was held in the evening. Tht out-of-town guests were many. Services were held Sunday night by the K. of P. lodges, and the chancellor commander, who spoke upon various interesting views concerning the upbuilding of the race and the fraternity. A number of short talks were given by different members....The Oddfellows and Household of Ruth will turn out the second Sunday in May.... Mrs. Lydia Davis has moved from Beacon street to Whitely, where she will reside in the future....Miss Minnie Bray Kelly who was here visiting her parents Sunday has returned to Montpelier....A very enjoyable and delightful party was given Friday evening, April 19, by Miss Ruth man in remembrance of her nineteenth birthday. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the music rendered by Messrs. Robins and Walker was fine. The evening was one to be long remembered. Those preesnt were as follows: Misses Flossie Thompson, Dolly Pollard, Mattie Trible, Hael Cotman, Dora Evans, Alice Winfield, Edna Wheeler, Fay Lee and Ida Jenkins; the Messrs. MacHorn, of Indianapolis, Hebron Thornton, Douglas Walker, Mowry Robbins, Waldo Rider, John and James Jenkins and Ed Hornidy....Miss Abby Patterson, who died at the home of her grandmother, Lefrance Abbie Merrine, was buried Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, from the A. M. E. Bethel church. ....The Young Ladies' Circle gave a hay ride Tuesday night, one wagon leaving the church, and the others leaving the residence of Mrs. Benson, of Whitely. They drove four miles to the home of Mrs. Haithcock. It was a long ride for fifteen cents....Rev. Mitchell was in Union City last week....Rev. Townsend is some better....Dr. Bryant, presiding elder, delivered a fine sermon Monday night at Trinity A. M. E. Church, it being the quarterly meeting....Miss Florence Wilson will spend a few days in Richmond.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Prewitt, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church, has been granted a leave of absence by his congregation, and has gone to Searcy Springs to recuperate....The free bridge project is becoming the talk of the town among both white and colored people. Most of our people oppose the bridge, because it is believed that it will result in increased taxation....Mr. A. T. Washington, one of the clerks in the local postoffice, was called to North Carolina this week by a telegram, to be present at the funeral of his sister who died Monday. We sympathie with him....The district conference, of which this city is a part, has been in session at Mt. Pleasant A. M. E. Church near this city during the past week.... Rev. R. M. Rideout is conducting a revival meeting for Dr. Patterson and the St. Paul congregation....Presiding Elder G. W. Mitchell, of the Pine Bluff district, held his second quarterly conference at St. John's A. M. E. Church last week. On Monday night at the close of the conference $67.43 was collected....Barraaque Street Baptist Church had a grand rally last Sunday. The two clubs, the Japanese and American, reported, and quite a large sum of money was raised to apply on the indebtedness of the church.... Miss Katie Havis spent a few days in Little Rock last week....The moving pictures and vaudeville at Miller's Theater are first class....Prof. S. M. Twine is suffering with appendicitis. It is thought that an operation will be necessary, but his many friends hope for his recovery without the use of the surgeon's knife. ....Mr. J. H. Stafford, the popular tonsorialist, associated with Barber Malcom, is a dear lover of the Freeman. Both of these gentlemen are very helpful to us in speaking of the Freeman to their many friends and patrons....Mr. L. H. Means, a letter carrier, is taking his annual vacation.

OWENSBORO, KY.

Frank Claybrook Dead—Well Known and Respected.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The city of Owensboro was enshrouded with gloom when the fast spreading news was heralded of the death of our Christian brother, co-worker in the U. B. F. Lodge, K. of P.'s, and also our friend, Mr. Frank Claybrook. He was a useful young man, with a life of promise, a devoted kinsman and a loving husband. Not only was he kind and patient with his co-laborers, as headwaiter of the Rudd House, Owensboro, Ky., but, as a young man, serving as deacon of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, was always ready to lend a helping hand to aid the erring ones, in order that they might be saved, and useful to mankind in general. Sleep on, our friend. We loved you and needed you, but Jesus loved you more. We drop a sympathizing tear with the bereaved wife, who has lost a dutiful and loving husband. We commend you to the blessed Christ, who doeth all things for the best.

Brother, thou wast mild and lovely,
  Gentle as the summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of evening
  When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
  Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number,
  Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
  When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
  Where no farewell tear is shed.

MARION, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The annual turnout of Bruce Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., and Harmony Court, No. 40, was held this week at the Second Baptist Church. It was the grandest affair in the history of the lodge. The lodge is now on a solid foundation, which means much in increasing its success. Major Hardiman, of the Third battalion; District Deputy Grand Chancellor Wimburn and Ira T. Roberts, of Kokomo Lodge, were present and delivered greetings. Mrs. W. T. Thomas read a paper on behalf of Harmony Court, No. 40. Charles Spires and Col. J. H. Ringgold represented the local lodge. Miss Leona Nickels pleased the audience with a vocal number. The Rev. J. H. Harvey, pastor of Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, an able speaker, delivered the annual sermon on "Pythianism and Love." He also referred especially to the old veterans of the civil war, who were present in a body, as the committee had reserved seats for them near the rostrum.

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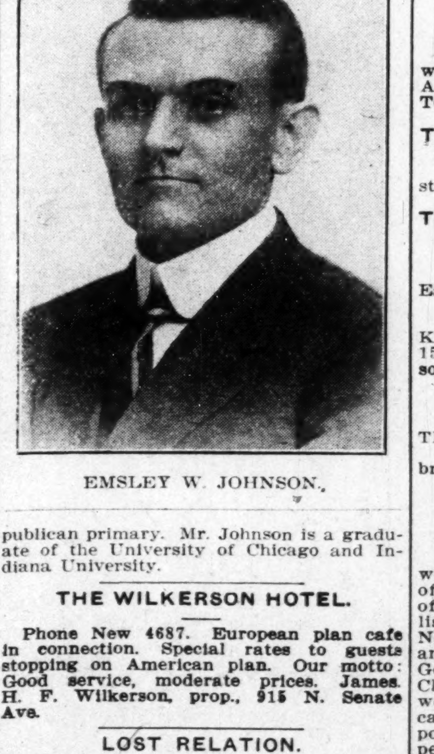
Emsley W. Johnson is a candidate for prosecuting attorney, subject to the Republican primary. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Indiana University.



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